# GCSORT 1.03.10

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# User's Guide

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*This work is dedicated to the memory of my niece Federica,*
*a strong young woman, sweet and resourceful.*
*You will always be in my heart and mind.*

# Summary of Changes

| Edition | Date | Change Description |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | 15 Jan 2016 | INITIAL RELEASE OF DOCUMENT |
| | 09 Nov 2016 | UPGRADE version with integration of LIBCOB<br>New Data Types<br>Search Substring search Conditional |
| 1.0.1 | 15 Oct 2020 | New option in command line -fsign=EBCDIC/ASCII for NUMERIC field. |
| 1.0.1 | 09 Jan 2021 | INREC OVERLAY – OUTREC OVERLAY |
| 1.03.02 | 18 Jan 2022 | RECORD CONTROL STATEMENT / DATE - Currente Date : DATE1, DATE2, DATE3, DATE4 / INREC CHANGE / OUTREC CHANGE / MODS E15 – E35 |
| 1.03.03 | 27 Mar 2022 | JOIN Statement |
| 1.03.04 | 4 Agu 2022 | FINDREP in INREC/OUREC Control statement |
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| 1.03.06 | 29 Mar 2023 | SubString new format type |
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| 1.03.09 | 14 Nov 2023 | Option XSUM and XSUM,FNAMES in SUM FIELD |
| 1.04.00 | 27 Maj 2024 | Collating Sequence in key definition (Index File)<br>Multithread features to parallelize the execution of sort steps |

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. What is GCSort?

This document describes the features of the GCSORT utility.
GCSORT is an open-source tool for operations of sort/merge/copy files (Line Sequential, Sequential, Indexed and Relative) produced by GNUCobol compiler.
The principal developers of GCSORT are Cedric Issaly and Sauro Menna.
This document was intended to serve as a full-function reference and user's guide for GCSORT utility.

# 2. Features

Version 1.03.10 of GCSort contains a follow constructs:

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 gcsort help
 gcsort is a utility to sort, merge, copy and join records in a file into a
   specified order in GnuCOBOL environment.

 Syntax case insensitive
 Return code : 0 (ok) - 4 (warning) - 16 (error)

Usage with file parameters  : gcsort <options> take filename
Usage from command line     : gcsort <options> <control statements>

gcsort options
-fsign=[ASCII|EBCDIC] define display sign representation
-fcolseq=[NATIVE|ASCII|EBCDIC] collating sequence to use
-febcdic-table=<cconv-table>/<file>    EBCDIC/ASCII translation table
-mt=<num>  number of threads to be used | -mt dynamical number of threads to be used

gcsort control statements
Notations: '{name}' = parameters , '|' = Alternative format of control statement
================================================================================
                Section for SORT, MERGE and COPY control statements
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 SORT | MERGE | COPY FIELDS Control statement for Sort, Merge, Copy file(s)

 USE                 Declare input file(s)
 GIVE                Declare output file
 [ SUM FIELDS ]      Sum fields for same record key, or eliminate duplicate keys)
 [ RECORD     ]      Record control statement
 [ INCLUDE    ]      Select input records that respect include condition(s)
 [ OMIT       ]      Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
 [ INREC      ]      Reformat input record Before sort, merge or copy operation
 [ OUTREC     ]      Reformat input record After sort, merge or copy operation
 [ OUTFIL     ]      Create one or more output files for sort,merge or copy operation
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 [ OPTION     ]      Specifies option for control statements
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gcsort
    SORT | MERGE | COPY
         FIELDS({Pos},{Len},{FormatType},{Order}, ...)          |
         FIELDS({Pos},{Len},{Order}, ...),FORMAT={FormatType}   |
         FIELDS=COPY

    USE  {Filename}
         ORG {Org}
         RECORD [F,{RecordLen}] | [V,{MinLen},{MaxLen}]
                [KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])]

    GIVE same parameters of USE

    SUM FIELDS = [({Pos},{Len},{FormatType2}, ...)]        [, XSUM] | [,XSUM,FNAMES=<file
path | environment variable>] |
                 [({Pos},{Len}, ...)],FORMAT={FormatType2} [, XSUM] | [,XSUM,FNAMES=<file
path | environment variable>] |
                 [NONE] | [(NONE)] [,XSUM] | [,XSUM,FNAMES=<file path | environment
variable>]
    XSUM without FNAMES file path generate file with same name of output file and with
'.xsum' extension

    RECORD [TYPE=[{V}(Variable-length)/{F}(Fixed-length)]],[LENGTH=[{len}(L1-Input record
length)]
                                                                ','[{len}(L2-Record
length)]
                                                                ','[{len}(L3-Output
record length)]
    INCLUDE | OMIT
            COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]

    INREC   FIELDS | INREC   BUILD =({FieldSpec})
    INREC   OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})
    OUTREC  FIELDS | OUTREC  BUILD =({FieldSpec})
    OUTREC  OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})

    OUTFIL
         INCLUDE | OMIT ({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]
         OUTREC = ({FieldSpec})
         FILES/FNAMES= {Filename}  | (file1, file2, file3,...)
         STARTREC={nn}    Start from record nn
         ENDREC={nn}      Skip record after nn
         SAVE
         SPLIT            Split 1 record  output for file group (file1, file2, file3,...)
         SPLITBY={nn}     Split n records output for file group (file1, file2, file3,...)

    OPTION
         SKIPREC={nn}     Skip nn records from input
         STOPAFT={nn}     Stop read after nn records
         VLSCMP           0 disabled , 1 = enabled -- temporarily replace any
                               missing compare field bytes with binary zeros
         VLSHRT           0 disabled , 1 = enabled -- treat any comparison
                               involving a short field as false
         Y2PAST           (YY) - Sliding, (YYYY) century
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     MODS E15=(<name>) [,]     <name>= Name E15 Cobol Program for input
          E35=(<name>)         <name>= Name E35 Cobol Program for ouput

  INCLUDE | OMIT
          COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]

  INREC   FIELDS =({FieldSpec})    | INREC   BUILD =({FieldSpec})
  INREC   OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})   | INREC   FINDREP =({FindRepSpec})
  OUTREC  FIELDS =({FieldSpec})    | OUTREC  BUILD =({FieldSpec})
  OUTREC  OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})   | OUTREC  FINDREP =({FindRepSpec})

  OUTFIL
       INCLUDE | OMIT ({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]
       OUTREC = ({FieldSpec})
       FILES/FNAMES= {Filename}  | (file1, file2, file3,...)
       STARTREC={nn}    Start from record nn
       ENDREC={nn}      Skip record after nn
       SAVE
       SPLIT            Split 1 record  output for file group (file1, file2, file3,...)
       SPLITBY={nn}     Split n records output for file group (file1, file2, file3,...)

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                             missing compare field bytes with binary zeros
       VLSHRT           0 disabled , 1 = enabled -- treat any comparison
                             involving a short field as false
```

| {Parameters} | {Relational} |
|---|---|
| {FileName} = Filename or Env. Variable | EQ = Equal |
| {Pos} = Field Position | GT = GreaterThan |
| {Len} = Field Length | GE = GreaterEqual |
| {RecordLen}= Record Length | LT = LesserThan |
| {MinLen} = Min size of record | LE = LesserEqual |
| {MaxLen} = Max size of record | NE = NotEqual |
| {Order} = A(ascending) \| D(descending) | SS = SubString (only for Field Type 'CH') |

{Condition}

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Format 1  - (Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational},[AND|OR],Pos,Len,{FormatType})
Format 2  - (Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational},[X|C'[value]'] | numeric value)]
Format 3  - ( {Condition} ,[AND|OR],{Condition} )
Format 4  - ( Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational}, [DATE1][(+/-)num] | [DATE2][(+/-)num]
                                                 [DATE3][(+/-)num] | [DATE4][(+/-)num]
     DATE - Currente Date : DATE1 (C'yyyymmdd'), DATE2 (C'yyyymm'),
                            DATE3 (C'yyyyddd'),  DATE4 (C'yyyy-mm-dd') (no Timestamp)
     [(+/-)num]  [+num] future date, [-num] past date) only for DATE1,DATE2,DATE3
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| {Org} File Organization | {KeyType} Mandatory for ORG = IX |
|---|---|
| LS = Line Sequential | P = Primary Key |
| SQ = Sequential Fixed or Variable | A = Alternative Key |
| IX = Indexed Fixed or Variable | AD = Alternative Key with Duplicates |
| RL = Relative Fixed or Variable | C = Continue definition |

| {Collating} Collating Sequence |
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| ASCII = Ascii sequence |

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  EBCDIC = EBCDIC sequence                  |
____________________________________________|_____________________________________________
__{FormatType}____Field Format Type_________|___{FormatType2}____Format Type SumField____
  CH  = Char                                |  BI = Binary unsigned
  BI  = Binary unsigned                     |  FI = Binary signed
  FI  = Binary signed                       |  FL = Floating Point
  FL  = Floating Point                      |  PD = Packed
  PD  = Packed                              |  ZD = Zoned
  ZD  = Zoned                               |  CLO = Numeric sign leading
  CLO = Numeric sign leading                |  CSL = Numeric sign leading separate
  CSL = Numeric sign leading separate       |  CST = Numeric sign trailing separate
  CST = Numeric sign trailing separate      |  SS  = Search Substring
____________________________________________|_____________________________________________
_Format_Len_Type__Date field________________|_Format_Len_Type__Date field________________
  Y2T = 8   ZD    CCYYMMDD                  |  Y2D = 1   PD    YY
  Y2T = 4   ZD    YYXX                      |  Y2P = 2   PD    YY
  Y2T = 2   ZD    YYX                       |  Y2U = 3   PD    YYDDD
  Y2T = 3   ZD    YY                        |  Y2S = 2   ZD    YY
  Y2T = 5   ZD    YYDDD                     |  Y2V = 4   PD    YYMMDD
  Y2T = 6   ZD    YYMMDD                    |  Y2X = 3   PD    DDDYY
  Y2B = 1   BI    YY                        |  Y2Y = 4   PD    MMDDYY
  Y2C = 2   ZD    YY                        |  Y2Z = 2   ZD    YY
____________________________________________|_____________________________________________
____{FieldSpec}___Field Specification_____________________________________________________
  pos, len           pos = position input record, len = length of field
  posOut:pos,len     posOut  = position output, pos = position input , len = length
  n:X                Filling with Blank character from last position to n
                         (absolute position of output record).
  n:Z                Filling with zero Binary character from last position to n
                         (absoluteposition of output record).
  C'constant'        constant character value.
  nC'constant'       repeat n times constant character value.
  nX                 repeat n times Blank character.
  nZ                 repeat n times Binary (0x00) character.
  X'hh....hh'        hexdecimal characters.
  nX'hh...hh'        repeat n times hexdecimal characters.
  CHANGE=(vlen,[C | X]'<valueFind>',[C | X]'<valueSet>',.....),NOMATCH=([C |
X]'<valueSet>)
  CHANGE=(vlen,[C | X]'<valueFind>', posIn, lenIn), NOMATCH = (posIn, posLen)

____{FindRepSpec}___Field Find/Replace Specification______________________________________
  IN=C'constant' , OUT=C'constant'                      constant character value.
  IN=(C'constant', C'constant' ....) , OUT=C'constant'  constant character value.
  INOUT=(C'constantIn', C'constantOut' , C'constantIn', C'constantOut', ....)
  STARTPOS=pos        pos = Start Position to find/replace
  ENDPOS=pos          pos = End Position to find/replace
  DO=n                n=Maximum number of times find and replace
  MAXLEN=n            n=Maximum len of record n
  OVERRUN=TRUNC|ERROR Truncate or Error(Default) for overrun
  SHIFT=YES|NO        Shift data or no (default) when different length between find
replace

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  Section for JOIN control statement
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 JOIN file(s)
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    USE                 Declare input file F1
    USE                 Declare input file F2
    GIVE                Declare output file
    JOINKEYS FILES=F1.. Declare keys file F1
        [ INCLUDE]  Input file F1 - Select input records that respect include
condition(s)
        [ OMIT   ]  Input file F1 - Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
    JOINKEYS FILES=F2.. Declare keys file F2
        [ INCLUDE]  Input file F2 - Select input records that respect include
condition(s)
        [ OMIT   ]  Input file F2 - Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
    UNPAIRED            Declare join type
    REFORMAT FIELDS     Declare output format
    [ INCLUDE]      Output file - Select input records that respect include condition(s)
    [ OMIT   ]      Output file - Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
    [ INREC  ]      Output file - Reformat input record before join operation
    [ OUTFIL ]      Output file - Create one or more output files from join operation
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    JOIN
    USE  {Filename}             [File F1]
         ORG {Org}
         RECORD [F,{RecordLen}] | [V,{MinLen},{MaxLen}]
                [KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType})]

    USE  {Filename}             [File F2]
         ORG {Org}
         RECORD [F,{RecordLen}] | [V,{MinLen},{MaxLen}]
                [KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType})]

    GIVE same parameters of USE

    JOINKEYS FILES=F1,FIELDS=[({Pos},{Len},{Order}, ...)]
                             [,SORTED] [,STOPAFT={nn]]
           [, INCLUDE ] | [, OMIT]
                    [ COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}] ]

    JOINKEYS FILES=F2,FIELDS=[({Pos},{Len},{Order}, ...)]
                             [,SORTED] [,STOPAFT={nn]]
           [, INCLUDE ] | [, OMIT]
                    [ COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}] ]

    JOIN UNPAIRED [,F1][,F2][,ONLY]
         UNPAIRED,F1,F2 or UNPAIRED
             Unpaired records from F1 and F2 as well as paired records (Full outer join).
         UNPAIRED,F1
             Unpaired records from F1 as well as paired records (Left outer join).
         UNPAIRED,F2
             Unpaired records from F2 as well as paired records (Right outer join).
         UNPAIRED,F1,F2,ONLY or UNPAIRED,ONLY
             Unpaired records from F1 and F2.
         UNPAIRED,F1,ONLY
             Unpaired records from F1.
         UNPAIRED,F2,ONLY
             Unpaired records from F2.
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    REFORMAT FIELDS=({File}:{Pos},{Len},{?},{File}:{Pos},{Len}.....) [,FILL=[C'constant']
| [X'hh']
_____Commands for output file_____________________________________________________
    INCLUDE | OMIT
            COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]

    INREC   FIELDS | INREC   BUILD =({FieldSpec})
    INREC   OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})
    OUTREC  FIELDS | OUTREC  BUILD =({FieldSpec})
    OUTREC  OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})

    OUTFIL
         INCLUDE | OMIT ({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]
         OUTREC BUILD | BUILD = ({FieldSpec})
         FILES/FNAMES= {Filename}


_____________________________________________________|_____________________________
___{Parameters}_____________________________________|___{Parameters}_____________
  {File}     = F1 or F2                            | ? = 1-byte indicator joined record
  {Pos}      = Field Position                      |    'B' = 'Both' - Key  found in F1 and F2
  {Len}      = Field Length                        |    '1' = Key found in F1, but not in F2
  {Order}    = A(ascending) | D(descending)        |    '2' = Key found in F1, but not in F1
  C'Constant'= Character fill byte                 |     nn = Numbers of records from input file
  X'hh' = Hexadecimal fill byte (00-FF).           |
_____________________________________________________|_____________________________
___{Parameters}_____________________________________|___{Relational}_____________
  {FileName} = Filename or Env. Variable           |  EQ = Equal
  {Pos}      = Field Position                      |  GT = GreaterThan
  {Len}      = Field Length                        |  GE = GreaterEqual
  {RecordLen}= Record Length                       |  LT = LesserThan
  {MinLen}   = Min size of record                  |  LE = LesserEqual
  {MaxLen}   = Max size of record                  |  NE = NotEqual
  {Order}    = A(ascending) | D(descending)        |  SS = SubString (only for Field Type 'CH')
                                                   |_____________________________
___{Condition}_____________________________________________________________________
  Format 1  - (Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational},[AND|OR],Pos,Len,{FormatType})
  Format 2  - (Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational},[X|C'[value]'] | numeric value)]
  Format 3  - ( {Condition} ,[AND|OR],{Condition} )
  Format 4  - ( Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational}, [DATE1][(+/-)num] | [DATE2][(+/-)num]
                                                   [DATE3][(+/-)num] | [DATE4][(+/-)num]
       DATE - Currente Date : DATE1 (C'yyyymmdd'), DATE2 (C'yyyymm'),
                              DATE3 (C'yyyyddd'),  DATE4 (C'yyyy-mm-dd') (no Timestamp)
       [(+/-)num]  [+num] future date, [-num] past date) only for DATE1,DATE2,DATE3
_____________________________________________________|_____________________________
___{Org}___File Organization_____________|___{KeyType}____Mandatory for ORG = IX______
  LS  = Line Sequential                  |  P  = Primary Key
  SQ  = Sequential Fixed or Variable     |  A  = Alternative Key
  IX  = Indexed Fixed or Variable        |  AD = Alternative Key with Duplicates
  RL  = Relative Fixed or Variable       |  C  = Continue definition
_____________________________________________|_____________________________________
___{Collating}___Collating Sequence_____|_____________________________________
  ASCII  = Ascii sequence                |
  EBCDIC = EBCDIC sequence               |
_____________________________________________|_____________________________________
__{FormatType}____Field Format Type_____|___{FormatType2}____Format Type SumField____
  CH  = Char                             |  BI = Binary unsigned
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  BI  = Binary unsigned                    |  FI = Binary signed
  FI  = Binary signed                      |  FL = Floating Point
  FL  = Floating Point                     |  PD = Packed
  PD  = Packed                             |  ZD = Zoned
  ZD  = Zoned                              |  CLO = Numeric sign leading
  CLO = Numeric sign leading               |  CSL = Numeric sign leading separate
  CSL = Numeric sign leading separate      |  CST = Numeric sign trailing separate
  CST = Numeric sign trailing separate     |  SS  = Search Substring
                                           |
_Format_Len_Type__Date field_______________|_Format_Len_Type__Date field_______________
  Y2T = 8   ZD    CCYYMMDD                 |  Y2D = 1   PD    YY
  Y2T = 4   ZD    YYXX                     |  Y2P = 2   PD    YY
  Y2T = 2   ZD    YYX                      |  Y2U = 3   PD    YYDDD
  Y2T = 3   ZD    YY                       |  Y2S = 2   ZD    YY
  Y2T = 5   ZD    YYDDD                    |  Y2V = 4   PD    YYMMDD
  Y2T = 6   ZD    YYMMDD                   |  Y2X = 3   PD    DDDYY
  Y2B = 1   BI    YY                       |  Y2Y = 4   PD    MMDDYY
  Y2C = 2   ZD    YY                       |  Y2Z = 2   ZD    YY
                                           |
____{FieldSpec}___Field Specification_____________________________________________
  pos, len           pos = position input record, len = length of field
  posOut:pos,len     posOut  = position output, pos = position input , len = length
  n:X                Filling with Blank character from last position to n
                         (absolute position of output record).
  n:Z                Filling with zero Binary character from last position to n
                         (absoluteposition of output record).
  C'constant'        constant character value.
  nC'constant'       repeat n times constant character value.
  nX                 repeat n times Blank character.
  nZ                 repeat n times Binary (0x00) character.
  X'hh....hh'        hexdecimal characters.
  nX'hh...hh'        repeat n times hexdecimal characters.
  CHANGE=(vlen,[C | X]'<valueFind>',[C | X]'<valueSet>',.....),NOMATCH=([C |
X]'<valueSet>)
  CHANGE=(vlen,[C | X]'<valueFind>', posIn, lenIn), NOMATCH = (posIn, posLen)

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Environment Variables
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COB_VARSEQ_FORMAT  Used by GnuCOBOL
GCSORT_DEBUG       0 no print info, 1 info DEBUG, 2 for info Parser
GCSORT_MEMSIZE     Memory Allocation in byte (Default 512000000 byte)
GCSORT_PATHTMP     Pathname for temporary files     (Default TMP / TEMP / TMPDIR)
GCSORT_STATISTICS  0 minimal informations, 1 for Summary, 2 for Details
GCSORT_TESTCMD     0 for normal operations , 1 for ONLY test command line (NO SORT)
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# 3. Environment and first use

GCSort is a executable program written in 'C'.

Dependencies of executable GCSort are:

- **libcob** - GNUCobol
- **libm** - Math library

## 3.1. Following the steps for the first use

- Make executable gcsort
- Set environment variable to find library at runtime
- Run *gcsort <option> <command line>*
    - <option>
        - -fsign=[EBCDIC | ASCII]
        - -fcolseq=[NATIVE|ASCII|EBCDIC]
        - -febcdic-table=<cconv-table>/<file>
        - -mt=<num>
        - -mt

The *-fsign=EBCDIC* option can be used for files with ZONED fields and EBCDIC sign.
The *-fcolseq* parameter collating sequence to use.
The *-febcdic-table* parameter EBCDIC/ASCII translation table
The -mt parameter <num> =number of threads to be used.
The -mt parameter dynamical number of threads to be used (Number of cores)

The -mt parameter is not enabled on JOIN feature.

## 3.2. Modify first environment variables

- Set Memory Allocation (GCSORT_MEMSIZE)
- Set Statistics (GCSORT_STATISTICS) to view details of execution

## 3.3. Use TAKE command

- Create file text
- Insert command. Single row o one row for command.
- In the file TAKE the '*' character indicates that the rest of the line is treated as a comment
- Run : *gcsort* TAKE *filename*

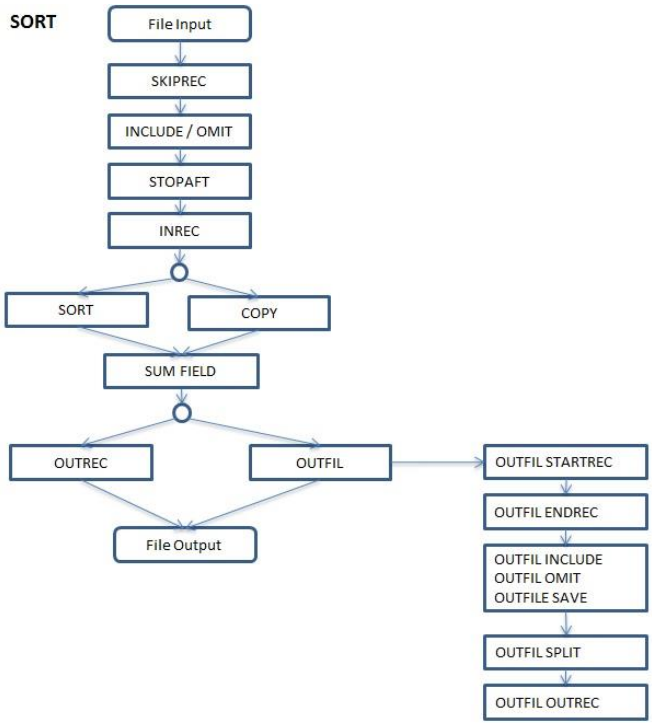
Example to create TAKE file with script sh.

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/lib
export GCSORT_MEMSIZE=1024000000
export GCSORT_BYTEORDER=0
export GCSORT_STATISTICS=2
echo "    * This is comment "                          >TAKEFILE.PRM
echo "SORT FIELDS(4,1,CH,A) "                          >TAKEFILE.PRM
echo "SUM  FIELDS=(1,2,ZD,4,2,ZD,7,4,ZD,12,4,ZD)    " >>TAKEFILE.PRM
echo "USE  ../files/SQZD03 RECORD F,396 ORG SQ      " >>TAKEFILE.PRM
```

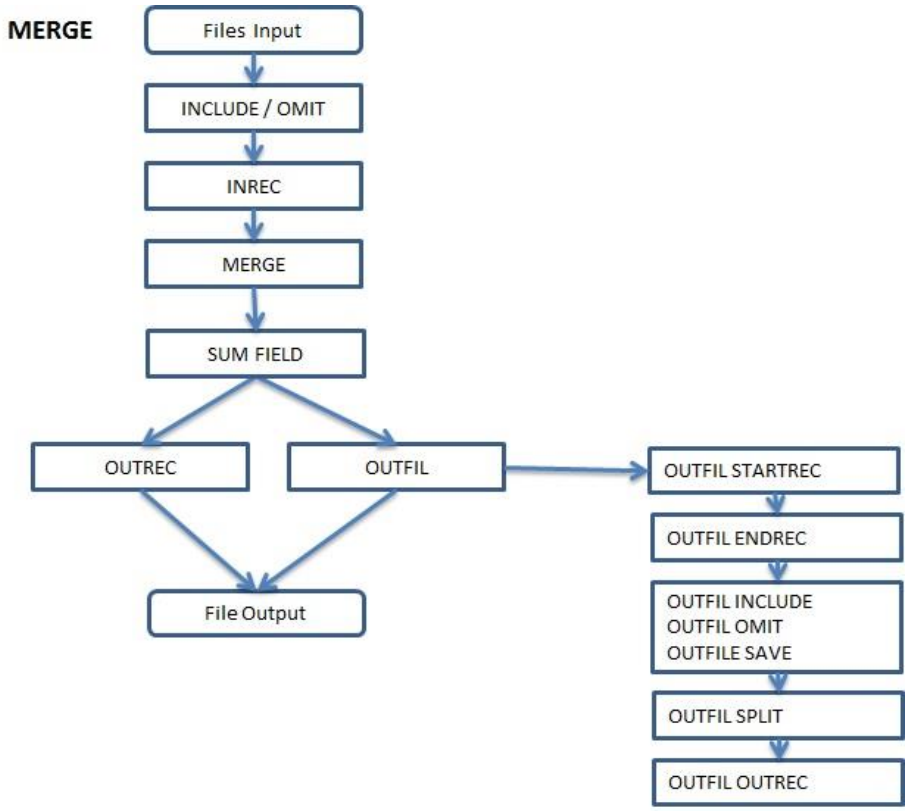
```
echo "GIVE ../files/SQZD03.SRT  RECORD F,396 ORG SQ " >>TAKEFILE.PRM
../bin/gcsort TAKE  TAKEFILE.PRM
```

# 1. Process Schema

This picture show logical schema of utility GCSort for  SORT operations.




This picture show logical schema of utility GCSort for MERGE operations.




## 2. Sort

The purpose of SORT is read one or more files and create a output file with data ordered as indicated by the sort key fields.

## 3. Merge

The purpose of MERGE is read one or more files and create a output file with data ordered as indicated by the merge key fields.
It is mandatory that the input data is already sorted.

## 4. File Organization and Record Type

File organization identifies the type of file.
The types of file organization utility managed GCSORT are:

**LS** = Line Sequential
**LSF** = Line Sequential Fixed
**SQ** = Sequential
**IX** = Indexed
**RL** = Relative

Use LSF file organization when the record to be sorted contains trailing spaces and you need fixed-length records (GCSort does not delete trailing spaces). Record type identifies the record structure

Record type are

**F** = Fixed

**V** = Variable (first n byte  record len, verify COB_VARSEQ_FORMAT in GNUCobol )

## 5. Field Type

Field type detects typology of field, Field type used are:

| Type | Description |
|---|---|
| PD | Packed |
| ZD | Zoned |
| CLO | Numeric sign leading |
| CSL | Numeric sign leading separate |
| CST | Numeric sign trailing separate |
| BI | Binary unsigned |
| FI | Binary signed |
| FL | Floating Point |
| PD | Packed |
| ZD | Zoned |
| CLO | Numeric sign leading |
| CSL | Numeric sign leading separate |
| CST | Numeric sign trailing separate |
| SS | Search Substring |
| SFF | Signed free form |
| UFF | unsigned free form |

## 5.1. Date Format

Field Formats and Lengths for date.

| Format_Len_Type | Date field | Format_Len_Type | Date field |
|---|---|---|---|
| Y2T = 8 ZD | CCYYMMDD | Y2D = 1 PD | YY |
| Y2T = 4 ZD | YYXX | Y2P = 2 PD | YY |
| Y2T = 2 ZD | YYX | Y2U = 3 PD | YYDDD |
| Y2T = 3 ZD | YY | Y2S = 2 ZD | YY |
| Y2T = 5 ZD | YYDDD | Y2V = 4 PD | YYMMDD |
| Y2T = 6 ZD | YYMMDD | Y2X = 3 PD | DDDYY |
| Y2B = 1 BI | YY | Y2Y = 4 PD | MMDDYY |
| Y2C = 2 ZD | YY | Y2Z = 2 ZD | YY |

```
[ DATE - Currente Date : DATE4 ]
INCLUDE COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE4)
USE  ../files/inp5000.txt ORG LS RECORD F,5000
GIVE ../files/inp5000.txt.srt ORG LS  RECORD F,5000
SORT FIELDS=(35,5,ZD,A)

[ DATE + / - day - month ]
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE1+5)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE1-5)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE2+3)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE2-8)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE3+150)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE3-15)

[ DATE4 ]
OMIT COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE4)
```

# 6. Commands

## 6.1. SORT

SORT is command for ordering data.

**Format 1** **SORT**

## 6.2. MERGE

MERGE is command for merging data.

**Format 1** **MERGE**

## 6.3. COPY

In SORT or MERGE command FIELDS=COPY copy data from input to output file.

**Format 1** **FIELDS=COPY**

## 6.4. FIELDS

This command specify fields for sort/merge operations. The fields are the key for order or merging data from files.

**Format 1** FIELDS (pos,len,type,order, ...) |
**Format 2** FIELDS ((pos,len, order, ...),FORMAT=TYPE |
**Format 3** FIELDS=COPY

FIELDS (pos, len, type, order,….)

**pos** specifies the first byte of a control field relative to the beginning of the input record.
The first data byte of a fixed-length record has relative position 1.
The first data byte of a variable-length record has relative position 1.

**len** specifies the length of the field. Values for all fields must be expressed in integer numbers of bytes.

**type** specifies the format of the data of field.

| Type | Description |
|---|---|
| **CH** | Char |
| **BI** | Binary unsigned |
| **FI** | Binary signed |
| **FL** | Floating Point |
| **PD** | Packed |
| **ZD** | Zoned |

| | |
|---|---|
| **CLO** | Numeric sign leading |
| **CSL** | Numeric sign leading separate |
| **CST** | Numeric sign trailing separate |
| **SS** | Search Substring |

**order** specifies how the field is to be ordered. The valid codes are:
**A** ascending order
**D** descending order

***FIELDS ((pos,len,order, ...),FORMAT=type***

**FORMAT=type** can be used to specify a particular format for one or more control fields. f from FORMAT=f is used for p,m,s fields.

***FIELDS=COPY or FIELDS=(COPY)***

Causes GCSORT to copy a file input to the output data sets. Records can be edited INCLUDE/OMIT, INREC, OUTREC, and OUTFIL statements; and SKIPREC and STOPAFT parameters.

## 6.5. USE

USE command declare input file for SORT and MERGE operation.

Format for USE:

USE <filename > ORG <organization> RECORD [<record format>,< length>]
[KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])

USE <filename > ORG <organization> RECORD [<record format>, <lenght min>,< length max>]
[KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])

**filename** Input file name, with or without pathname

**organization** **LS** = Line Sequential
**SQ** = Sequential
**RL** = Relative
**IX** = Indexed

**record format** F = Fixed
V = Variable

**length** Length of record

**length min** Minimun length of record

**length max** Maximum length of record

Structure of key (Mandatory for ORG = IX)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Pos** | Position of key |
| **Len** | Length of key |
| **KeyType** | P = Primary Key |
| | A = Alternative Key |
| | AD = Alternative Key with Duplicates |
| | C = Continue definition |
| **Collating** | ASCII = Collating sequence ASCII |
| | EBCDIC = Collating sequence EBCDIC |

## 6.6. GIVE

GIVE command declare output file for SORT and MERGE operation.

Same rules of USE control statement.
Format for GIVE:

GIVE <filename > ORG <organization> RECORD [<record format>,< length>]
[KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])

GIVE <filename > ORG <organization> RECORD [<record format>, <lenght min>,< length max>]
[KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])

## 6.7. INCLUDE/OMIT

INCLUDE condition statement is used for ***select*** records to insert in the file output.
OMIT condition statement is used for ***exclude*** certain records from the file input.

**INCLUDE/OMIT COND=(condition) [FORMAT=type]**

**condition**

| | |
|---|---|
| Format 1 | (pos , len , type , cond, pos , len , type) |
| Format 2 | (pos , len , type , cond, [X\|C\|Z]'[value]') |
| Format 3 | (condition , relcond , condition) |

### *Format 1 (pos , len , type , cond, relcond , pos , len , type)*

**pos** specifies the first byte of a control field relative to the beginning of the input record.
The first data byte of a fixed-length record has relative position 1.
The first data byte of a variable-length record has relative position 1.

**len** specifies the length of the field. Values for all fields must be expressed in integer numbers of bytes.

**type** specifies the format of the data of field.

| Type | Description |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| **CH** | Char |
| **BI** | Binary unsigned |
| **FI** | Binary signed |
| **FL** | Floating Point |
| **PD** | Packed |
| **ZD** | Zoned |
| **CLO** | Numeric sign leading |
| **CSL** | Numeric sign leading separate |
| **CST** | Numeric sign trailing separate |
| **SS** | Search Substring |

**cond** Comparison operators are as follows:

**EQ** Equal to
**NE** Not equal to
**GT** Greater than
**GE** Greater than or equal to
**LT** Less than
**LE** Less than or equal to
**SS** Search Substring

With the SearchSubstring option, you can search for substrings within a field. The length can be greater than the length of the substring. It is possible to search for multiple substrings within the field.

Examples:

INCLUDE COND=(1,100,SS,EQ,C'66666')

INCLUDE FORMAT=SS,COND=(18,2,EQ,C'00,88,99')

### *Format 2 (pos , len , type , cond, [X|C]'[value]')|[+/-nnnn]*

**pos** specifies the first byte of a control field relative to the beginning of the input record.
The first data byte of a fixed-length record has relative position 1.
The first data byte of a variable-length record has relative position 1.

**len** specifies the length of the field. Values for all fields must be expressed in integer numbers of bytes.

**type** specifies the format of the data of field.

| Type | Description |
|---|---|
| **CH** | Char |
| **BI** | Binary unsigned |
| **FI** | Binary signed |
| **FL** | Floating Point |
| **PD** | Packed |
| **ZD** | Zoned |
| **CLO** | Numeric sign leading |
| **CSL** | Numeric sign leading separate |
| **CST** | Numeric sign trailing separate |

| | |
|---|---|
| **SS** | Search Substring |

**cond** Comparison operators are as follows:

EQ Equal to
NE Not equal to
GT Greater than
GE Greater than or equal to
LT Less than
LE Less than or equal to

**C'cc…c'** **Character String Format .** The value c is a ASCII character/string.

**X'hh..hh'** **Hexadecimal String Format.** The value hh represents any pair of hexadecimal digits.

**+/- nnnn..** **Decimal Number Format**

### *Format 3 (condition , relcond , condition)*

**condition** Format 1 or Format 2

**relcond** Relational conditions can be logically combined, with AND or OR.
The relational condition specifies that a comparison test be performed.
Relational conditions can be logically combined, with AND or OR.

***Format 4 (pos, len , CHANGE=(vlen, [X|C]'[value Find]', [X|C]'[value Set]' …. NOMATCH=([X|C]'[value]')***

CHANGE Specifies how the input field or parsed input field is to be changed to the output field, using a lookup table.

NOMATCH if an input field value does not match any of the find constants, NOMATCH values is used for output field.

***Format 5 (pos, len , CHANGE=(vlen, [X|C]'[value Find]', posFind, lenFind …. NOMATCH=(posNoMatch, lenNomatch)***

CHANGE Specifies how the input field or parsed input field is to be changed to the output field, using position(*posFind*) and length(*lenFind*) of input record.

NOMATCH if an input field value does not match any of the find constants, NOMATCH input record *position* and *length* are used for output field.

## 6.8. INREC/OUTREC

INREC redefines the structure of record input. This operation is executed after read file input e before all operations.
The INREC control statement reformat the input records **before** they are sorted, merged, or copied.
All fields specifications presents in OUTREC, Sort Key, … must be referred to a new structure defined by INREC.

**Format 1** INREC FIELDS=(FIELD-SPEC...)
**Format 2** INREC BUILD=(FIELD-SPEC...)
**Format 3** INREC OVERLAY=(FIELD-SPEC...)
**Format 4** INREC FINDREP=(FIELD-FINDEREP-SPEC

OUTREC defines structure record output for output file.
**Format 1** OUTREC FIELDS=(FIELD-SPEC...)
**Format 2** OUTREC BUILD=(FIELD-SPEC...)
**Format 3** OUTREC OVERLAY=(FIELD-SPEC...)
**Format 4** INREC FINDREP=(FIELD-FINDEREP-SPEC

Use **OVERALY** only to overwrite existing columns or to add fields at end of every record.

Field specification is the same for INREC and OUTREC.

**BUILD or FIELDS** are synonymous.

**FIELD-SPEC ( pos, len | posOut:pos,len | n:X | n:Z |nC'constant' | nX | nZ, |X'hh' )**
One or more occurrence of follow elements, separated by comma.

| | |
|---|---|
| **pos, len** | **pos** = position input record, **len** = length of field |
| **posOut:pos,len** | **posOut** = position output, **pos** = position input record, **len** = length of field |
| **n:X** | Filling with Blank character (0x20) from last position to **n** (absolute position of output record). |
| **n:Z** | Filling with zero Binary (0x00) character from last position to **n** (absolute position of output record). |
| **C'constant'** | constant character value. |
| **nC'constant'** | repeat **n** times constant character value. |
| **nX** | repeat **n** times Blank character. |
| **nZ** | repeat **n** times Binary (0x00) character. |
| **X'hh…hh'** | hexdecimal string . |
| **nX'hh…hh'** | repeat **n** times hexdecimal string . |

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**FIELD-FINDREP-SPEC__Field Find/Replace Specification**

| | |
|---|---|
| **IN=C'constant' , OUT=C'constant'** | **constant character value.** |
| **IN=(C'constant', C'constant' ....) , OUT=C'constant'** | **constant character value.** |
| **INOUT=(C'constantIn', C'constantOut' , C'constantIn', C'constantOut', ....)** | |
| **STARTPOS=pos** | **pos = Start Position to find/replace** |
| **ENDPOS=pos** | **pos = End Position to find/replace** |
| **DO=n** | **n=Maximum number of times find and replace** |
| **MAXLEN=n** | **n=Maximum len of record n** |
| **OVERRUN=TRUNC\|ERROR Truncate or Error(Default) for overrun** | |
| **SHIFT=YES\|NO** | **Shift data or no (default) when different length between find replace** |

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## 6.9. SUM FIELDS

SUM FIELDS is command for aggregate record and summarize value for numeric fields.
All fields present in SUM FIELDS are aggregate when more records has same key.

**Format 1** SUM FIELDS = (pos,len,type, ...)
**Format 2** SUM FIELDS = (NONE) or SUM FIELDS = NONE

There are two formats for SUM FIELD, the first summarize numeric fields, the send NOT summarize, but eliminate duplicate key.

### *Format 1 SUM FIELDS = (pos,len,type, ...)*

**pos** specifies the first byte of a control field relative to the beginning of the input record.
The first data byte of a fixed-length record has relative position 1.
The first data byte of a variable-length record has relative position 1.
**len** specifies the length of the field. Values for all fields must be expressed in integer numbers of bytes.
**type** specifies the format of the data of field.

| Type | Description |
|---|---|
| **BI** | Binary unsigned |
| **FI** | Binary signed |
| **FL** | Floating Point |
| **PD** | Packed |
| **ZD** | Zoned |
| **CLO** | Numeric sign leading |
| **CSL** | Numeric sign leading separate |
| **CST** | Numeric sign trailing separate |

### *Format 2 SUM FIELDS = (NONE) or SUM FIELDS = NONE*

In this case Format2 insert into output file one occurrence of same key specified by SORT KEY.
The record output contains the first record in order of reading.
For identify a first occurrence of data, GCSORT verified the value of pointer of record into file input, selecting the lowest value.

### *Format 3 SUM FIELDS = NONE, XSUM*

The Format3 produces a separate file with the records discarded by SUM FIELD. The file name is identical to the output file with '.xsum' suffix.

*Format 4 SUM FIELDS = NONE, XSUM ,FNAMES=<file path/Environment variable >*

The Format4 produces a separate file with the records discarded by SUM FIELD using value presents in FNAMES definition.
If FNAMES is a file name, the records output are stored the output file.
If FNAMES is an environment variable GCSORT use definition to store discarded record from SUM FIELD.

## 6.10. RECORD

RECORD control statement is option to specify the type and lengths of the records.

RECORD [TYPE=[{V}/{F}(Fixed-length)]] , [LENGTH=[{len}(L1-Input record length)]
','[{len}(L2-Record length)]
','[{len}(L3-Output record length)]

TYPE = V (Variable-length) / F (Fixed-length)
LENGTH = (L1, L2, L3)
L1 = Input length
L2 = Record length after E15
L3 = Output record length
L1 is ignored if the input record length is available from USE command.
L2 is ignored if E15 is not used.
L3 is ignored if the input record length is available from GIVE command.

Example:
***[ RECORD CONTROL STATEMENT ]***

```
SORT FIELDS=(8,5,CH,A) USE  ../files/sqbig01.dat    ORG SQ GIVE ../files/sqbig01_gcs.srt   ORG SQ  RECORD TYPE=F, LENGTH=500

RECORD TYPE=F, LENGTH=(500)

RECORD TYPE=F, LENGTH=(500, ,500)

RECORD TYPE=F LENGTH=(,,500)

RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(,,500)
```

## 6.11. OUTFIL

OUTFIL is command to create one or more output file for a sort, copy, or merge operation.
Each file output is defined from OUTFIL command

**FORMAT**

**OUTFIL**
FILES/FNAMES= (environment variable)
STARTREC=nn
ENDREC=nn
[SAVE|[INCLUDE|OMIT] (CONDITION) [FORMAT=TYPE]]
SPLIT
OUTREC = (FIELD-SPEC...)

OUTFIL

| | |
|---|---|
| FILES/FNAMES=filename | filename = Identify a environment variable the contain the file name |
| STARTREC=nn | Start write after **nn** records |
| ENDREC=nn | Stop write after **nn** records |
| SAVE | Save records that not used by command INCLUDE/OMIT. |
| INCLUDE/OMIT (CONDITION) [FORMAT=TYPE]] | Same definition for COND-FIELD (INCLUDE/OMIT) |
| SPLIT | Split 1 record for each File in Group definition (FILE=file1,file,file2) |
| SPLITBY=n | Split n records for each File in Group definition (FILE=file1,file,file2) |
| OUTREC = (FIELD-SPEC...) | Define structure output data. Same definition for (FIELD-SPEC...). |

If the environment variable filename for FILES/FNAMES is not defined, GCSort writes output file in local folder assuming the name equal at value of identifier filename (FILES/FNAMES=*filename*).

If OUTFIL does not include the definition of FNAMES/FILES the input data will be written to the GIVE file.

## 6.12. OPTION

This command allows you to change the behavior of the utility.

Format1 **OPTION** [**SKIPREC**=nn]|[ **STOPAFT**=nn]|[ **VLSCMP**]|[ **VLSHRT**] | [**Y2PAST**=[YY] | [YYYY]]

| | |
|---|---|
| **SKIPREC**=nn | Skip nn records from input |
| **STOPAFT**=nn | Stop read after nn records |
| **VLSCMP** | 0 disabled , 1 = enabled -- temporarily replace any missing compare field bytes with binary zeros |
| **VLSHRT** | 0 disabled , 1 = enabled -- treat any comparison involving a short field as false |
| **Y2PAST=YY** | (YY) – Sliding = Numbers of years to subtract from the current year. |
| | (YYYY) – Century= Specifies the beginning of the fixed century window. |

**MODS [E15 =(<name>)] [E35=(<name>)]** Routine name E15 and/or E35 Cobol Program.

## 6.13. EXIT ROUTINE

**E15 – Routine called after file read**

E15 routine is a COBOL program.
Linkage :

```
    LINKAGE     for fixed records
    01  RECORD - FLAGS            PIC 9(8) BINARY.
        88  FIRST - REC                VALUE 00.
        88  MIDDLE - REC               VALUE 04.
        88  END - REC                  VALUE 08.
    01  NEW-REC                   PIC X(nn).
    01  RETURN-REC                PIC X(nn).
    01  UNUSED1                   PIC 9(8) BINARY.
    01  UNUSED2                   PIC 9(8) BINARY.
    01  NEW-REC-LEN               PIC 9(8) BINARY
(Only for Variable Length)
    01  RETURN-REC-LEN            PIC 9(8) BINARY                    (Only
for Variable Length)
    01  UNUSED5                   PIC 9(8) BINARY.
    01  EXITAREA-LEN              PIC 9(4) BINARY.
    01  EXITAREA.
       05  EAREA   OCCURS 1 TO 256 TIMES
                   DEPENDING ON EXITAREA-LEN   PIC X.
```

**E35 – Routine called before write output**
E35 routine is a COBOL program.

```
    LINKAGE     for fixed records
   01  RECORD-FLAGS       PIC 9(8) BINARY.
       88  FIRST-REC            VALUE 00.
       88  MIDDLE-REC           VALUE 04.
       88  END-REC              VALUE 08.
   01  LEAVING-REC.
       05 LREC OCCURS 1 TO 200 TIMES
              DEPENDING ON LEAVING-REC-LEN      PIC X.
   01  RETURN-REC.
       05 RREC OCCURS 1 TO 200 TIMES
              DEPENDING ON RETURN-REC-LEN   PIC X.
   01  OUTPUT-REC.
       05 OREC OCCURS 1 TO 200 TIMES
              DEPENDING ON OUTPUT-REC-LEN   PIC X.
   01  UNUSED1            PIC 9(8) BINARY.
   01  LEAVING-REC-LEN    PIC 9(8) BINARY.
   01  RETURN-REC-LEN     PIC 9(8) BINARY.
   01  OUTPUT-REC-LEN     PIC 9(8) BINARY.
   01  EXITAREA-LEN       PIC 9(4) BINARY.
   01  EXITAREA.
```

```
05  EAREA   OCCURS 1 TO 256 TIMES
        DEPENDING ON EXITAREA-LEN   PIC X.
```

**E15 - Return code**
00 - No Action
04 - Record deleted
08 - Do Not Return
12 - Record inserted
16 - Terminate DFSORT
20 – Record Altered or Replaced

**E35 – Return code**
00 - No Action
04 – Record deleted
08 - Do Not Return
12 - Insert record
16 - End of GCSort

## 7. JOIN Statement

The purpose of the JOIN statement is to perform JOIN between two files (F1 and F2).
You can perform different types of join on two files (F1 and F2) by one or more keys with GCSort using the following statements:

**JOINKEYS**

JOINKEYS specifies the definition of the JOIN key.
It is necessary to specify a JOINKEYS statement for each file, one for F1 and one for F2.
Each JOINKEYS statement must specify the starting position, the length and the sequence of the keys that file. You can also optionally specify if the file is already sorted by the keys and if sequence checking of the keys is not needed, or stop reading the file after n records.

**JOIN**

JOIN tells gcsort how to match records in the JOIN command.

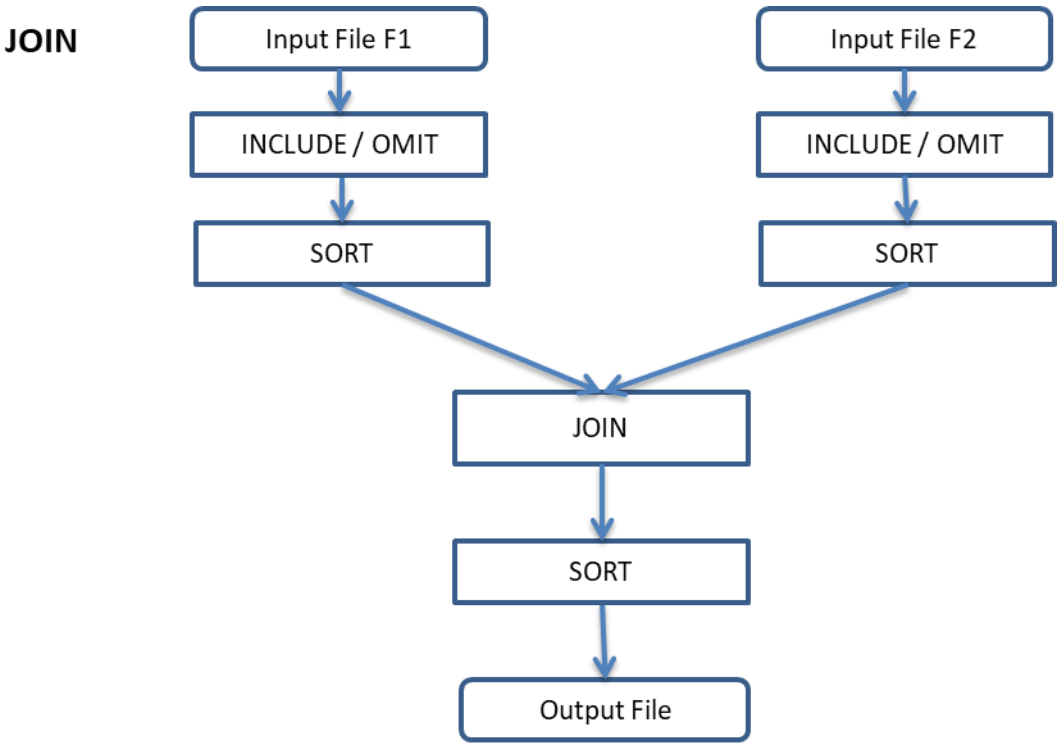
**Inner join** – Default, only paired records from F1 and F2 are processed.
**Left outer join** - Unpaired F1 records as well as paired records.
**Right outer join** - Unpaired F2 records as well as paired records.
**Full outer join** - unpaired F1 and F2 records as well as paired records.
**Unpaired F1,ONLY** - Only unpaired F1 records
**Unpaired F2,ONLY -** Only unpaired F2 records

**Unpaired F1,F2,ONLY / Unpaired,ONLY-** Only unpaired F1 and F2 records

**REFORMAT**

REFORMAT statement specified the fields of F1 and/or F2 in the joined records.

## 7.1. Join Schema



For details ***gcsort -- help JOIN***

```
gcsort --help JOIN
```

```
 gcsort help
 gcsort is a utility to sort, merge, copy and join records in a file into a
   specified order in GnuCOBOL environment.
```

```
 Syntax case insensitive
 Return code : 0 (ok) - 4 (warning) - 16 (error)
```

```
Usage with file parameters  : gcsort <options> take filename
Usage from command line     : gcsort <options> <control statements>
```

```
gcsort options
-fsign=[ASCII|EBCDIC] define display sign representation
-fcolseq=[NATIVE|ASCII|EBCDIC] collating sequence to use
-febcdic-table=<cconv-table>/<file> EBCDIC/ASCII translation table
```

```
================================================================================
  Section for JOIN control statement
================================================================================
 JOIN file(s)
    USE                 Declare input file F1
    USE                 Declare input file F2
    GIVE                Declare output file
    JOINKEYS FILES=F1.. Declare keys file F1
        [ INCLUDE]  Input file F1 - Select input records that respect include
condition(s)
        [ OMIT   ]  Input file F1 - Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
    JOINKEYS FILES=F2.. Declare keys file F2
        [ INCLUDE]  Input file F2 - Select input records that respect include
condition(s)
        [ OMIT   ]  Input file F2 - Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
    UNPAIRED            Declare join type
    REFORMAT FIELDS     Declare output format
    [ INCLUDE]      Output file - Select input records that respect include condition(s)
    [ OMIT   ]      Output file - Omit input records that respect omit condition(s)
    [ INREC  ]      Output file - Reformat input record before join operation
    [ OUTFIL ]      Output file - Create one or more output files from join operation
```

```
    JOIN
    USE  {Filename}             [File F1]
         ORG {Org}
         RECORD [F,{RecordLen}] | [V,{MinLen},{MaxLen}]
                [KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])]

    USE  {Filename}             [File F2]
         ORG {Org}
         RECORD [F,{RecordLen}] | [V,{MinLen},{MaxLen}]
                [KEY ({Pos},{Len},{KeyType}[,{Collating}])]

    GIVE same parameters of USE

    JOINKEYS FILES=F1,FIELDS=[({Pos},{Len},{Order}, ...)]
                             [,SORTED] [,STOPAFT={nn}]
           [, INCLUDE ] | [, OMIT]
                    [ COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}] ]

    JOINKEYS FILES=F2,FIELDS=[({Pos},{Len},{Order}, ...)]
                             [,SORTED] [,STOPAFT={nn}]
```

```
          [, INCLUDE ] | [, OMIT]
                  [ COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}] ]

    JOIN UNPAIRED [,F1][,F2][,ONLY]
         UNPAIRED,F1,F2 or UNPAIRED
             Unpaired records from F1 and F2 as well as paired records (Full outer join).
         UNPAIRED,F1
             Unpaired records from F1 as well as paired records (Left outer join).
         UNPAIRED,F2
             Unpaired records from F2 as well as paired records (Right outer join).
         UNPAIRED,F1,F2,ONLY or UNPAIRED,ONLY
             Unpaired records from F1 and F2.
         UNPAIRED,F1,ONLY
             Unpaired records from F1.
         UNPAIRED,F2,ONLY
             Unpaired records from F2.

    REFORMAT FIELDS=({File}:{Pos},{Len},{?},{File}:{Pos},{Len}.....) [,FILL=[C'constant']
| [X'hh']
______Commands for output file_____________________________________________________
    INCLUDE | OMIT
            COND=({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]

    INREC   FIELDS | INREC   BUILD =({FieldSpec})
    INREC   OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})
    OUTREC  FIELDS | OUTREC  BUILD =({FieldSpec})
    OUTREC  OVERLAY =({FieldSpec})

    OUTFIL
         INCLUDE | OMIT ({Condition})[,FORMAT={FormatType}]
         OUTREC BUILD | BUILD = ({FieldSpec})
         FILES/FNAMES= {Filename}


_____________________________________________________________________________________
___{Parameters}_____________________________|___{Parameters}_____________________________
  {File}     = F1 or F2                    | ? = 1-byte indicator joined record
  {Pos}      = Field Position              |    'B' = 'Both' - Key  found in F1 and F2
  {Len}      = Field Length                |    '1' = Key found in F1, but not in F2
  {Order}    = A(ascending) | D(descending)|    '2' = Key found in F1, but not in F1
  C'Constant'= Character fill byte         |     nn = Numbers of records from input file
  X'hh' = Hexadecimal fill byte (00-FF).   |
_____________________________________________________________________________________
___{Parameters}_____________________________|___{Relational}_____________________________
  {FileName} = Filename or Env. Variable   |  EQ = Equal
  {Pos}      = Field Position              |  GT = GreaterThan
  {Len}      = Field Length                |  GE = GreaterEqual
  {RecordLen}= Record Length               |  LT = LesserThan
  {MinLen}   = Min size of record          |  LE = LesserEqual
  {MaxLen}   = Max size of record          |  NE = NotEqual
  {Order}    = A(ascending) | D(descending)|  SS = Substring (only for Field Type 'CH')
                                           |_____________________________________________
___{Condition}______________________________________________________________________
  Format 1  - (Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational},[AND|OR],Pos,Len,{FormatType})
  Format 2  - (Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational},[X|C'[value]'] | numeric value)]
  Format 3  - ( {Condition} ,[AND|OR],{Condition} )
  Format 4  - ( Pos,Len,{FormatType},{Relational}, [DATE1][(+/-)num] | [DATE2][(+/-)num]
                                                   [DATE3][(+/-)num] | [DATE4][(+/-)num]
       DATE - Currente Date : DATE1 (C'yyyymmdd'), DATE2 (C'yyyymm'),
                              DATE3 (C'yyyyddd'),  DATE4 (C'yyyy-mm-dd') (no Timestamp)
       [(+/-)num]  [+num] future date, [-num] past date) only for DATE1,DATE2,DATE3
_____________________________________________________________________________________
___{Org}___File Organization_______________|___{KeyType}____Mandatory for ORG = IX______
  LS  = Line Sequential                    |  P  = Primary Key
  SQ  = Sequential Fixed or Variable       |  A  = Alternative Key
```

```
  IX  = Indexed Fixed or Variable          |  AD = Alternative Key with Duplicates
  RL  = Relative Fixed or Variable         |  C  = Continue definition
                                           |
___{Collating}___Collating Sequence________|_____________________________________________
   ASCII  = Ascii sequence                 |
   EBCDIC = EBCDIC sequence                |
                                           |
__{FormatType}____Field Format Type________|___{FormatType2}____Format Type SumField____
  CH  = Char                               |  BI = Binary unsigned
  BI  = Binary unsigned                    |  FI = Binary signed
  FI  = Binary signed                      |  FL = Floating Point
  FL  = Floating Point                     |  PD = Packed
  PD  = Packed                             |  ZD = Zoned
  ZD  = Zoned                              |  CLO = Numeric sign leading
  CLO = Numeric sign leading               |  CSL = Numeric sign leading separate
  CSL = Numeric sign leading separate      |  CST = Numeric sign trailing separate
  CST = Numeric sign trailing separate     |  SS = Substring
                                           |
_Format_Len_Type__Date field_______________|_Format_Len_Type__Date field_______________
  Y2T = 8   ZD    CCYYMMDD                 |  Y2D = 1   PD    YY
  Y2T = 4   ZD    YYXX                     |  Y2P = 2   PD    YY
  Y2T = 2   ZD    YYX                      |  Y2U = 3   PD    YYDDD
  Y2T = 3   ZD    YY                       |  Y2S = 2   ZD    YY
  Y2T = 5   ZD    YYDDD                    |  Y2V = 4   PD    YYMMDD
  Y2T = 6   ZD    YYMMDD                   |  Y2X = 3   PD    DDDYY
  Y2B = 1   BI    YY                       |  Y2Y = 4   PD    MMDDYY
  Y2C = 2   ZD    YY                       |  Y2Z = 2   ZD    YY
                                           |
____{FieldSpec}___Field Specification_____________________________________________________
  pos, len           pos = position input record, len = length of field
  posOut:pos,len     posOut  = position output, pos = position input , len = length
  n:X                Filling with Blank character from last position to n
                         (absolute position of output record).
  n:Z                Filling with zero Binary character from last position to n
                         (absoluteposition of output record).
  C'constant'        constant character value.
  nC'constant'       repeat n times constant character value.
  nX                 repeat n times Blank character.
  nZ                 repeat n times Binary (0x00) character.
  X'hh....hh'        hexdecimal characters.
  nX'hh...hh'        repeat n times hexdecimal characters.
  CHANGE=(vlen,[C|X]'<valueFind>',[C|X]'<valueSet>',.....),NOMATCH=([C|X] '<valueSet>')
  CHANGE=(vlen,[C|X]'<valueFind>', posIn, lenIn), NOMATCH = (posIn, posLen)

_____________________________________________________________________________________
Environment Variables
_____________________________________________________________________________________
COB_VARSEQ_FORMAT  Used by GnuCOBOL
GCSORT_DEBUG       0 no print info, 1 info DEBUG, 2 for info Parser
GCSORT_MEMSIZE     Memory Allocation in byte (Default 512000000 byte)
GCSORT_PATHTMP     Pathname for temporary files     (Default TMP / TEMP / TMPDIR)
GCSORT_STATISTICS  0 minimal informations, 1 for Summary, 2 for Details
GCSORT_TESTCMD     0 for normal operations , 1 for ONLY test command line (NO SORT)
_____________________________________________________________________________________
```

# 8. Environment Variables

## 8.1. Byte Order

GCSort can treat numeric fields in both binary format BigEndian or Native. To indicate a byte order is used environment variable GCSORT_BYTEORDER that assume 0 for Native or 1 for BigEndian. This value affects the treatment of SORT and SUM KEY FIELDS.

## 8.2.Temporary Files

When dimension of files input is greater of memory available, GCSort creates temporary files for sort operation. Temporary files is created in pathname specified from GCSORT_TMPFILE environment variable, if this value is not available, GCSort use TMP/TEMP environment variable or use current directory. For Windows the filename is composed from:

- Prefix = Srt
- Name = name ( created from GetTempFileName())
- Extension = .tmp
-

For Linux file name is composed from:

- Prefix = Srt
- Name = PID of process GCSort
- Num = Progressive of file
- Extension = .tmp

Temporary files are destroyed after sort operation.

## 8.3. Memory Allocation

The environment variable GCSORT_MEMSIZE specify amount of memory that GCSORT will use for sort operation.

GCSort analyze the value and made two area for sort operation:

(1) Key Area : this area is used for sort in memory

(2) Data Area : this area contains data record

The optimization for use of memory GCSort check dimension of key and record.

Key Area = [GCSORT_MEMSIZE] * ((Key Length + 8 + 4 + 8) / Record Length)

Data Area = [GCSORT_MEMSIZE] - Key Area

(8 + 4 + 8) 8 is pointer of record into file, 4 record length, 8 pointer to record area in memory.

If value of ((Key Length +  8 + 4 + 8)/ Record Length) is minor of 15% or major of 50%, GCSORT force this value to 15%.

## 8.4.Statistics

GCSort produce in output a lot of information about execution.

You can setting GCSORT_STATISTICS environment variable to three values:

**0 = minimal information**

Example:

```
=========================================================
GCSort Version 01.00.00
=========================================================
TAKE file name
D:\GNU_COBOL\GCSort_1_0_0\gcsort_testcase\take\par_SORT_debug.par
=========================================================
File : D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt
Size : 1194
=========================================================
Record Number Total       : 15
Record Write Sort Total   : 0
Record Write Output Total : 15
=========================================================
Start    : Mon Jan 25 11:17:55 2016
End      : Mon Jan 25 11:17:55 2016
Elapsed  Time 00hh 00mm 00ss 000ms

Sort OK
```

**1 = medium information**

Example

```
=========================================================
GCSORT
File TAKE : D:\GNU_COBOL\GCSort_1_0_0\gcsort_testcase\take\par_SORT_debug.par
=========================================================
SORT FIELDS(3,1,CH,A)
USE D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt ORG LS RECORD V,1,27990
GIVE D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\OUT000.SRT ORG LS RECORD V,1,27990

=========================================================
GCSort Version 01.00.00
=========================================================
TAKE file name
D:\GNU_COBOL\GCSort_1_0_0\gcsort_testcase\take\par_SORT_debug.par
=========================================================
Operation  : SORT
```

```
INPUT FILE :
        D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt VARIABLE (1,27990) LS
OUTPUT FILE :
        D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\OUT000.SRT VARIABLE (1,27990) LS
SORT FIELDS : (3,1,CH,A)
=========================================================
File : D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt
Size : 1194
=========================================================
Record Number Total       : 15
Record Write Sort Total   : 0
Record Write Output Total : 15
=========================================================
Start    : Mon Jan 25 11:20:01 2016
End      : Mon Jan 25 11:20:01 2016
Elapsed  Time 00hh 00mm 00ss 000ms

Sort OK
```

**2 = details information**

```
=========================================================
GCSORT
File TAKE : D:\GNU_COBOL\GCSort_1_0_0\gcsort_testcase\take\par_SORT_debug.par
=========================================================
SORT FIELDS(3,1,CH,A)
USE D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt ORG LS RECORD V,1,27990
GIVE D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\OUT000.SRT ORG LS RECORD V,1,27990

=========================================================
GCSort Version 01.00.00
=========================================================
TAKE file name
D:\GNU_COBOL\GCSort_1_0_0\gcsort_testcase\take\par_SORT_debug.par
=========================================================
Operation  : SORT

INPUT FILE :
        D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt VARIABLE (1,27990) LS
OUTPUT FILE :
        D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\OUT000.SRT VARIABLE (1,27990) LS
SORT FIELDS : (3,1,CH,A)
=========================================================
File : D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\TEST9\INP000.txt
Size : 1194
After  job_loadFiles      - Mon Jan 25 11:21:44 2016
After  job_sort           - Mon Jan 25 11:21:44 2016
After  job_save           - Mon Jan 25 11:21:44 2016
=========================================================
Record Number Total       : 15
Record Write Sort Total   : 0
Record Write Output Total : 15
=========================================================

Memory size for GCSort data     :  133875000
Memory size for GCSort key      :   23625000
BufferedReader MAX_BUFFER       :    4063232
MAX_SIZE_CACHE_WRITE            :    4063232
MAX_SIZE_CACHE_WRITE_FINAL      :    4063232
MAX_MLTP_BYTE                   :         63
BYTEORDER                       :          0
```

```
================================================

Start    : Mon Jan 25 11:21:44 2016
End      : Mon Jan 25 11:21:44 2016
Elapsed  Time 00hh 00mm 00ss 000ms

Sort OK
```

## 9. Command Line

GCSort command line accepts the following parameters:

**gcsort** print version and options.

**gcsort --help** print help.

**gcsort --help SORT | MERGE | COPY | JOIN** print help for specific control statement.

**gcsort --version** print version.

**gcsort --config** print the value of environment variables.

**gcsort *command line*** execute command line.

**gcsort TAKE *filename*** read filename where are present commands for Sort/Merge.

The file used in the TAKE command is free format.

## 10. Padding and Truncating

GCSort uses LIBCOB that defines how made record in write output operation.

Use LSF file organization when the record to be sorted contains trailing spaces and you need fixed-length records (GCSort does not delete trailing spaces).

Otherwise, you can set the environment variable COB_LS_FIXED=1 before running the GCSort command to NOT delete trailing spaces.

## 11. Retun Code

GCSort has two values for return code:

1 for Success

4 for Warning

16 for Failure

## 12. File Conversion

GCSort permit to specify 'ORGANIZATION' and 'RECORD TYPE' for output data different structure from input data, to permit the conversion of file format.

In this case GCSort convert data from a structure to another structure, for example, from Sequential to Line Sequential or vice versa.

If you want sort a text file (LS) and you don't know the record length, you can specify RECORD V with max len very large, example:

```
SORT KEY (1,20,CH,A)
USE F1.TXT ORG LS RECORD V,1,3000
GIVE F1.TXT.OUT ORG LS RECORD V,1,3000
```

## 13. Performance and Tuning

For tuning performance of GCSort is good practices modify the settings of value for memory allocation and modify dimension of area for Memory Mapped File.

**GCSORT_MEMSIZE** Indicate amount of memory for sort.

**GCSORT_MLT** Indicate the number of views for MMF in temporary files. This number is multiplied by Page Size of system (example 65536). Increasing this value the view for read file in memory is more greater and can reduce the elapsed time.(Temporary files).

By default GCSORT_MLT assume 63 ( Example: 63 * 65536 = 4Mbyte dimension of view for MMF).

# 14. Limits

The max numbers of input  files for Merge is 16.

The max numbers of temporary files is 16. The temporary files is reused when the size of files input is more of size of (Memory GCSORT_MEMSIZE * 16 files).

# 15. Errors and Warnings

GCSORT produces two types of messages:

- Error format ‘*GCSort*Snnn’
- Warning format ‘*GCSort*Wnnn’

For Error message GCSort break execution and terminate operation with message and return code.

For Warning message GCSort continue execution and continue operation with message.

The message string identify a specific condition of error or warning, in the of warning print a specific action.

# 16. GCSort by examples

## 16.1. SORT

**SORT single file**

```
=====================================================================
SORT   FIELDS(3,1,CH,A)
USE    ../PJTestCaseSort/SQBI01          RECORD F,51 ORG SQ
GIVE   ../PJTestCaseSort/SQBI01.SRT.TST  RECORD F,51 ORG SQ
=====================================================================
```

**SORT single file with INCLUDE condition**

Order KEY

1) Position 37, Len 1, Character, Descending
2) Position 18, Len 17, Character, Ascending

Filter only records with character in position 37 Equal 'C'.

```
=====================================================
SORT FIELDS=(37,1,CH,D,18,17,CH,A)
INCLUDE COND=(37,1,EQ,C'C') FORMAT=CH
USE  FIL_100.TXT             RECORD F,3000 ORG LS
GIVE FIL_100.TXT.SRT         RECORD F,3000 ORG LS
=====================================================
```

## 16.2. MERGE

**MERGE**

Merge files with KEY Position 1, Len 50, Char, Ascending
Input files sorted
Input Record Variable from 1 to 27990 ORGanization Sequential
Output Record Variable from 1 to 27990 ORGanization Sequential

```
=========================================================================
MERGE FIELDS(1,50,CH,A)
       USE   D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\RGX10.DAT     RECORD V,1,27990 ORG SQ
       USE   D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\RGX10.DAT     RECORD V,1,27990 ORG SQ
       USE   D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\RGX10.DAT     RECORD V,1,27990 ORG SQ
       GIVE  D:\GCSORTTEST\OCFILES\RGX10.DAT.MRG RECORD V,1,27990 ORG SQ
=========================================================================
```

**MERGE**

```
FIELDS=COPY
Copy records from input to output.
Include condition check binary value (low-value)
     Pos     Len    Condition   Value
from 305     04     Not Equal   Hex '00000000'
```

```
=========================================================================
USE D:\GCSORTTEST\FilesT\FIL_OUTFIL_500.TXT ORG LS RECORD F,3000
GIVE D:\GCSORTTEST\FilesT\FIL_OUTFIL_500_023.TXT.SRT ORG LS RECORD F,3000
OPTION  VLSHRT,VLSCMP,EQUALS
MERGE   FIELDS=COPY
INCLUDE COND=(305,4,NE,X'00000000'),FORMAT=CH
=========================================================================
```

## 16.3. COPY

**COPY**

Copy data from input to output with record filter.
Input FIXED Line Sequential, Output FIXED Line Sequential
Omitted (not insert in output file) records with condition:

a) Position 1, Len 12, EQual , Character '000000006060'
OR
b) Position 1, Len 12, EQual , Character '000000000030'
OR
c) Position 1, Len 12, EQual , Character '000000000051'

```
=====================================================
USE   F1IN.DAT            RECORD F,3000 ORG LS
GIVE  F1IN.DAT_002.SRT    RECORD F,3000 ORG LS
MERGE FIELDS=COPY
OMIT    COND=(01,12,EQ,C'000000006060',OR,
              01,12,EQ,C'000000000030',OR,
              01,12,EQ,C'000000000051'),FORMAT=CH
=====================================================
```

**SORT without duplicates**

Sort Key Pos 5, len 6, Ascending
SUM FIELDS = (NONE) delete duplicates

```
=====================================================
USE  FIL_OUTFIL_100.TXT         ORG LS RECORD F,3000
GIVE FIL_OUTFIL_100_020.TXT.SRT ORG LS RECORD F,3000
SORT FIELDS=(5,6,A),FORMAT=CH,EQUALS
SUM FIELDS=(NONE)
=====================================================
```

## 16.4. SUMFIELDS

**SUMFIELDS**

Sort Key Pos 1, len 1, Ascending
SUM FIELDS Binary fields

```
=========================================================================
SORT  FIELDS(3,1,CH,A)
SUM   FIELDS=(1,2,BI,7,3,BI,15,4,BI,20,3,BI,29,4,BI,34,8,BI,43,8,BI)
```

```
USE   ../PJTestCaseSort/SQBI01 RECORD F,51 ORG SQ
GIVE  ../PJTestCaseSort/SQBI01.SRT.TST  RECORD F,51 ORG SQ
```

## 16.5. OUTREC

**OUTREC FIELDS/BUILD**

SORT FIELDS = COPY (copy record NO Sort)

Format output : OUTREC

Output structure

```
     Pos      Len     Value
     01       16      Record input  Pos:1,Len 16
     17       2       Blank ('X' = blank)
     19       2       Record input  Pos:18,Len 2
     21       1       Character '-'
     23       2       Record input  Pos:20,Len 2
     25       1       Character '-'
     26       2       Record input  Pos:22,Len 2
     28       2       2 blank
```

```
=============================================================================
USE  ../Files/FIL_OUTFIL_200.TXT              ORG LS RECORD F,3000
GIVE ../Files/FIL_OUTFIL_200_007.TXT.SRT      ORG LS RECORD F,3000
SORT FIELDS=COPY
OUTREC=(01,16,2X,18,2,C'-',20,2,C'-',22,2,2X)
END
```

**OUTREC FIELDS=(8,2, 20:5,10,3C'ABC',80:X)**

| Position Input | Len Input | Position output | Len output | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| 5 | 10 | 20 | 10 | Characters from pos 5, len10 from input |
| | | 30 | 9 (3 times x 3 char) | 'ABCABCABC' |
| | | 80 | | Padding from 39 to 80 |

**OUTREC FIELDS=(5C'LITERAL -',10X'414243',3X'525558',120,18)**

| Position Input | Len Input | Position output | Len output | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 45 (5 time x 9 char) | 'LITERAL -LITERAL -LITERAL LITERAL-LITERAL-' |
| | | 46 | 30 (10 times 1 char hex) | 'ABCABCABCABCABCABCABCABCABCABC' |
| | | 76 | 9 (3 times x 3 char hex) | 'RUXRUXRUX' |
| 80 | 18 | 85 | 18 | Input record from 80 for 18 characters |

**OUTREC FIELDS=(1,40,60:Z,81:X)**

| Position Input | Len Input | Position output | Len output | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 40 | 1 | 40 | Input record from 1 for 40 characters |
| | | 41 | 20 (60 abs position - 40 current position) | 20 characters with '00' binary |
| | | 61 | 20 | 21 characters with '20' space |

## 16.6. OUTFIL

**OUTFIL INCLUDE**

```
Example with more  files for OUTFIL
Each file output with Include condition
The purpose is merge files and write four output.
FNAMES=FOUT201_1
FOUT201_1       Environment Variable
FOUT201_2       Environment Variable
FOUT201_3       Environment Variable
FOUT201_SAVE    Environment Variable
================================================================================
USE  ../FIL_OUTFIL_001.TXT     ORG LS RECORD F,3000
GIVE ../FIL_OUTFIL_001.TXT.OUT ORG LS RECORD F,3000
MERGE   FIELDS=COPY
OUTFIL INCLUDE=(01,03,CH,EQ,C'201',AND,24,03,CH,LE,C'999'),FNAMES=FOUT201_1
OUTFIL INCLUDE=(01,03,CH,EQ,C'210',AND,24,04,CH,GT,C'0000',AND,24,04,CH,LE,C'9999'),FNAMES=FOUT201_2
OUTFIL INCLUDE=(01,03,CH,EQ,C'230',AND,36,04,CH,GT,C'0000',AND,36,04,CH,LE,C'9999'),FNAMES=FOUT201_3
OUTFIL SAVE,FNAMES=FOUT201_SAVE
================================================================================
```

**OUTFIL OMIT**

```
Format output record
OMIT Condition for input.
FOUTKEY_YES       Environment Variable
FOUTKEY_NO        Environment Variable
================================================================================
USE D:\GCSORTTEST\FilesT\FIL_OUTFIL_050.txt ORG LS RECORD F,3000
GIVE D:\GCSORTTEST\FilesT\FIL_OUTFIL_050.txt.OUT ORG LS RECORD F,3000
  SORT FIELDS=COPY
  OUTFIL OMIT=(156,15,CH,LT,141,15,CH,AND,005,10,CH,EQ,C'KEYMAX800E'),FNAMES=FOUTKEY_YES
  OUTFIL SAVE,FNAMES=FOUTKEY_NO
  END
================================================================================
```

## 16.7. INREC/OUREC CHANGE

**[ INREC CHANGE ]**

```
INREC FIELDS=(15,6,25,3,CHANGE=(1,C'K12',X'41',C'M22',X'42',C'P32',X'43'),NOMATCH=(X'49'))
INREC
FIELDS=(1,15,16,2,CHANGE=(1,C'22',X'41',C'88',X'48',C'44',X'42',C'66',X'43'),NOMATCH=(X'49'),17,83)
```

**[ OUTREC CHANGE ]**

```
OUTREC FIELDS=(15,6,25,3,CHANGE=(1,C'K12',X'41',C'M22',X'42',C'P32',X'43'),NOMATCH=(X'49'),26,4974)
```

**[ CHANGE - Position ]**

```
OUTREC FIELDS=(1,1,CHANGE=(6,C'2',28,6),NOMATCH=(2,6),X,8,19,35,15,51,59)
```

## 16.8. SFF/UFF Field Type

**SFF** Input file: **inpSff04.txt**

```
      $58,272,300.10|          5827230010|
      $58,272,300.1 |           582723001|
         $58,272,300|            58272300|
          12-31-2004|           -12312004|
   (402)-125-3721XXX|         -4021253721|
  G1***    52 $ 21 R|               15221|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
+400.52             |               40052|
+400.1              |                4001|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
     358,272,300.10 |         35827230010|
     358,272,300.1  |          3582723001|
       -358,272,300 |          -358272300|
        (82,316.90) |            -8231690|
         12-31-2004 |           -12312004|
 G1***    52 $ 21 R |               15221|
 G1***  ) 52 $ 21 R |              -15221|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
400.52-             |              -40052|
  ($400.5)          |               -4005|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
```

**Command :**

```
gcsort SORT FIELDS=(1,20,UFF,A) USE ..\tests\files\ inpSff04.txt  ORG LSF RECORD F,42 GIVE ..\files\
inpSff04SFF.txt.srt ORG LSF RECORD F,42
```

**Sorted file : inpUff04SFF.txt.srt**

```
   (402)-125-3721XXX|         -4021253721|
       -358,272,300 |          -358272300|
          12-31-2004|           -12312004|
         12-31-2004 |           -12312004|
        (82,316.90) |            -8231690|
400.52-             |              -40052|
 G1***  ) 52 $ 21 R |              -15221|
  ($400.5)          |               -4005|
+400.1              |                4001|
  G1***    52 $ 21 R|               15221|
 G1***    52 $ 21 R |               15221|
+400.52             |               40052|
         $58,272,300|            58272300|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
      $58,272,300.1 |           582723001|
     358,272,300.1  |          3582723001|
      $58,272,300.10|          5827230010|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
     358,272,300.10 |         35827230010|
```

**UFF** Input file: **inpUff04.txt**

```
      $58,272,300.10|          5827230010|
      $58,272,300.1 |           582723001|
         $58,272,300|            58272300|
          12-31-2004|            12312004|
   (402)-125-3721XXX|          4021253721|
  G1***    52 $ 21 R|               15221|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
+400.52             |               40052|
+400.1              |                4001|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
     358,272,300.10 |         35827230010|
     358,272,300.1  |          3582723001|
       -358,272,300 |           358272300|
        (82,316.90) |             8231690|
         12-31-2004 |            12312004|
 G1***    52 $ 21 R |               15221|
 G1***  ) 52 $ 21 R |               15221|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
400.52-             |               40052|
  ($400.5)          |                4005|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
```

**Command :**

**gcsort SORT FIELDS=(1,20,UFF,A) USE ..\tests\files\inpUff04.txt ORG LSF RECORD F,42 GIVE ..\files\inpUff04UFF.txt.srt ORG LSF RECORD F,42**

**Sorted file : inpUff04UFF.txt.srt**

```
+400.1              |                4001|
  ($400.5)          |                4005|
  G1***    52 $ 21 R|               15221|
 G1***    52 $ 21 R |               15221|
 G1***  ) 52 $ 21 R |               15221|
+400.52             |               40052|
400.52-             |               40052|
        (82,316.90) |             8231690|
          12-31-2004|            12312004|
         12-31-2004 |            12312004|
         $58,272,300|            58272300|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
000128637.240       |        000128637240|
       -358,272,300 |           358272300|
      $58,272,300.1 |           582723001|
     358,272,300.1  |          3582723001|
   (402)-125-3721XXX|          4021253721|
      $58,272,300.10|          5827230010|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
    173/821/9072/@3 |         17382190723|
     358,272,300.10 |         35827230010|
```

## 16.9. DATE

```
[ DATE - Currente Date : DATE4 ]
INCLUDE COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE4)
USE  ../files/inp5000.txt ORG LS RECORD F,5000
GIVE ../files/inp5000.txt.srt ORG LS  RECORD F,5000
SORT FIELDS=(35,5,ZD,A)


[ DATE + / - day - month ]
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE1+5)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE1-5)

COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE2+3)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE2-8)

COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE3+150)
COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE3-15)

[ DATE4 ]
OMIT COND=(1,13,CH,GT,DATE4)
```

## 16.10. RECORD CONTROL STATEMENT

```
[ RECORD CONTROL STATEMENT ]

SORT FIELDS=(8,5,CH,A) USE  ../files/sqbig01.dat     ORG SQ GIVE ../files/sqbig01_gcs.srt   ORG SQ
RECORD TYPE=F, LENGTH=500

RECORD TYPE=F, LENGTH=(500)

RECORD TYPE=F, LENGTH=(500, ,500)

RECORD TYPE=F LENGTH=(,,500)

RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(,,500)
```

## 16.11. DATE – Option Y2PAST

```
[ DATE – Y2PAST ]
SORT FIELDS=(10,8,Y2T,A)
USE  FDate.dat   RECORD F,85 ORG SQ
GIVE FDate.dat.Y2T8.srt RECORD F,85 ORG SQ
OPTION Y2PAST=80
```