

Searching Tables

Introduction

Unit aims, objectives, prerequisites.

OCCURS clause extensions

The SEARCH and SEARCH ALL require that the description of the table to be searched contain a number of new extensions to the OCCURS clause. In this section the syntax of these new extensions is introduced

The SEARCH verb

This section demonstrates how the SEARCH verb may be used to search through a table sequentially.

Searching multi-dimension tables

The SEARCH cannot be applied directly to search a multi-dimension table. This section demonstrates how to overcome this restriction by treating the multi-dimension table as a collection of single dimension tables and applying the SEARCH to each single dimension table..

The SEARCH ALL verb

The SEARCH ALL is used when a binary search is required. This section introduces the syntax of the SEARCH ALL, demonstrates how a binary search works and shows how the SEARCH ALL can be used to search an ordered table.

Introduction

Aims

The task of searching a table to determine whether it contains a particular value is a common operation. The method used to search a table depends heavily on how the values in the table are organized.

For instance, if the values are not ordered, the table may only be searched sequentially, but if the values are ordered, then either a sequential or a binary search may be used.

In COBOL, the SEARCH verb is used for sequential searches and the SEARCH ALL for binary searches.

This tutorial introduces the syntax and rules of operation of the SEARCH and SEARCH ALL verbs. It introduces the extensions to the OCCURS clause that are required when the SEARCH or SEARCH ALL is used. It shows how the SET verb may be used to alter the value of an index and it demonstrates how the SEARCH and SEARCH ALL may be used to search a table.

Objectives

By the end of this unit you should -

- 1. Know the new OCCURS clause entries that are required when the SEARCH is used to search a table.
- 2. Be able to use the SEARCH to search a table.
- 3. Understand the restrictions that apply to manipulating a table index.
- 4. Be able to use the SET verb to change the value of a table index.

5. Understand how the SEARCH can be used to search a multi-dimension table.

- 6. Know the new OCCURS clause entries that are required when the SEARCH ALL is used to search a table.
- 7. Understand how a binary search works.

Prerequisites

Introduction to COBOL

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Occurs clause extensions

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When the SEARCH and SEARCH ALL are used the normal table declarations are no longer sufficient and the OCCURS clause must be extended with the INDEXED BY phrase and, in the case of the SEARCH ALL, by the KEY IS phrase.

The full syntax of the OCCURS clause, including the INDEXED BY and KEY IS phrases is shown below.

Full OCCURS clause syntax

OCCURS SmallestSize#lTOLargestSize#lTIMES

DEPENDINGON DataItem#

INDEXED BY phrase - notes

Before the SEARCH or SEARCH ALL can be used to search a table, the table must be defined as having an index item associated with it.

The index is specified by the *IndexName* given in the INDEXED BY phrase.

The index defined in a table declaration is associated with that table and is the subscript which the SEARCH or SEARCH ALL uses to access the table.

Using an index makes the searching more efficient. Since the index is linked to a particular table, the compiler, taking into account the size of the table, can choose the most efficient representation possible for the index and this speeds up the search.

The only entry that needs to be made for an *IndexName* is to use it in an INDEXED BY phrase. There is no need to define a picture clause for it, because the compiler handles its declaration automatically.

Because an index has a special internal representation it cannot be displayed and can only be assigned a value, or have its value assigned, by the SET verb. The MOVE cannot be used with a table index.

Normal arithmetic cannot be performed on a table index. The SET verb must be used to increment or decrement the value of an index item.

KEY IS phrase - notes

While the SEARCH performs a sequential search on a table, the SEARCH ALL performs a binary search. But a binary search requires that the table is ordered on some key field. The key field may be the element itself or, where the element is a group item, a field within the element.

Before a table can be searched with the SEARCH ALL, the key field must be identified by using the KEY IS phrase in the table declaration. As well as identifying the key field, the KEY IS phrase specifies whether the table is in ascending or descending order.



The SEARCH verb

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When the values in a table are not ordered, the only way to find the item we seek is to search through the table sequentially, element by element. In COBOL, the SEARCH verb is used to search a table sequentially.

SEARCH syntax

$$\frac{\text{SEARCH}}{\text{SEARCH}} \quad Table Name \left[\frac{\text{VARYING}}{\text{IndexName}} \begin{cases} Indentifier#i \\ IndexName \end{cases} \right] \\ \left[\text{AT } \underline{\text{END}} \; Statement Block} \right] \\ \left\{ \frac{\text{WHEN}}{\text{Condition}} \begin{cases} Statement block} \\ \frac{\text{NEXT SENTENCE}}{\text{NEXT SENTENCE}} \end{cases} \right\} ... \\ \text{END - SEARCH}$$

SEARCH rules

- 1. *TableName* must identify a data-item in the table hierarchy with both OCCURS and INDEXED BY clauses. The index specified in the INDEXED BY clause of *TableName* is the controlling index of the SEARCH.
- 2. The SEARCH can only be used if the table to be searched has an index item associated with it. An index item is associated with a table by using the INDEXED BY phrase in the table declaration. The index item is known as

the table index. The table index is the subscript which the SEARCH uses to access the table.

SEARCH notes

- The SEARCH searches a table sequentially starting at the element pointed to by the table index.
- The starting value of the table index is under the control of the programmer. The programmer must ensure that, when the SEARCH executes, the table index points to some element in the table (for instance, it cannot have a value of 0 or be greater than the size of the table).
- The VARYING phrase is only required when we require data-item to mirror the values of the table index. When the VARYING phrase is used, and the associated data-item is not the table index, then the data-item is varied along with the index.
- The AT END phrase allows the programmer to specify an action to be taken if the searched for item is not found in the table.
- When the AT END is specified, and the index is incremented beyond the highest legal occurrence for the table (i.e. the item has not been found), then the statements following the AT END will be executed and the SEARCH will terminate.
- The conditions attached to the SEARCH are evaluated in turn and as soon as one is true the statements following the WHEN phrase are executed and the SEARCH ends.

The SET verb syntax

The SET verb is used for a number of unrelated purposes. We have already seen how the SET verb may be used to set a condition name to true. This section introduces the versions of the SET verb used to manipulate table indexes.

Because an index item has a special internal representation designed to optimize searching, it cannot be used in any type of normal arithmetic operation (ADD, SUBTRACT etc.) or even in a MOVE or DISPLAY statement. For index items, all these operations must be handled by the SET verb.

The versions of the SET verb shown below are used to assign a value to an index item, to assign the value of an index item to a variable, and to increment or decrement the value of an index item.

$$\underbrace{\text{SET}}_{\substack{\text{Index Name} \\ \text{Identifier}}} \left\{ \dots \underbrace{\text{TO}}_{\substack{\text{Index Name} \\ \text{Integer}}} \right\}$$

$$\underline{\mathtt{SET}} \ \{ \mathit{IndexName} \} \dots \left\{ \underline{\underline{\mathtt{UP}}} \\ \underline{\mathtt{DOWN}} \right\} \ \underline{\mathtt{BY}} \ \left\{ \!\!\! \underbrace{\mathit{Identifier}} \right\}$$

SEARCH example 1

The example program below accepts an upper case letter from the user and then uses the SEARCH verb to searche a pre-filled table of letters to find and display the position of the letter in the alphabet.

Because a table index can be tricky to manipulate (can't display it, can't move it) the program uses the VARYING phrase to vary an ordinary numeric value along with the index. When the letter is found in the table, this item will contain the same value as the index and we can display it without the complications we

might encounter with the index item. For instance, to display the value of the index item we would require following code -

```
SET LetterPos TO LetterIdx
MOVE LetterPos TO PrnPos
DISPLAY LetterIn, " is in position ", PrnPos
```

The example below is not meant to be a practical example of how to find the position of a letter in the alphabet. Nowadays, this task would be accomplished in much the same way as it would in C or Modula-2 except that, in COBOL, we would use the Intrinsic Function - ORD - as shown below.

COMPUTE PrnIdx = FUNCTION ORD(LetterIn) - FUNCTION ORD("A") + 1

```
$ SET SOURCEFORMAT"FREE"
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. LetterSearch.
AUTHOR. Michael Coughlan.
* This program accepts an upper case letter from the
* user and then displays which letter of the alphabet
* it is.
DATA DIVISION.
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 LetterTable.
    02 LetterValues.
       03 FILLER PIC X(13)
          VALUE "ABCDEFGHIJKLM".
       03 FILLER PIC X(13)
          VALUE "NOPORSTUVWXYZ".
    02 FILLER REDEFINES LetterValues.
       03 Letter PIC X OCCURS 26 TIMES
                       INDEXED BY LetterIdx.
01 LetterIn
                 PIC X.
01 LetterPos
                 PIC 99.
01 PrnPos
                 PIC Z9.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
Begin.
    DISPLAY "Enter the letter please - "
          WITH NO ADVANCING
    ACCEPT LetterIn
    SET LetterIdx LetterPos TO 1
    SEARCH Letter VARYING LetterPos
       AT END DISPLAY "Letter " LetterIn " not found!"
       WHEN Letter(LetterIdx) = LetterIn
            MOVE LetterPos TO PrnPos
            DISPLAY LetterIn, " is in position ", PrnPos
    END-SEARCH
    STOP RUN.
```

Example program 2

In this example below, we return to the County Tax Report problem. In the last question we posed in the *Using Tables* tutorial we asked how the County Tax report problem could be solved if the tax record contained a county name instead of a county code. We noted that the county name had to be converted into a numeric value that we could use as a subscript. In the *Using Tables* tutorial we used a PERFORM to search through the table to find the numeric equivalent of the county name. In this example we use the SEARCH.

The VARYING phrase is used in this SEARCH example so that we don't have to set the *Idx* to the *CountyIdx*. We can not use *CountyIdx* as a subscript for the *CountyTaxTable* because it is bound to the *CountyNameTable*.

```
$ SET SOURCEFORMAT"FREE"
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. CountyTaxTable.
AUTHOR. Michael Coughlan.
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
FILE-CONTROL.
    SELECT TaxFile ASSIGN TO "CountyTaxes.DAT"
           ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL.
DATA DIVISION.
FILE SECTION.
FD TaxFile.
01 TaxRec.
   88 EndOfTaxFile VALUE HIGH-VALUES.
   02 PAYENum
                     PIC 9(8).
   02 County
                     PIC X(9).
   02 TaxPaid
                     PIC 9(7)V99.
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 CountyTaxTable.
   02 CountyTaxDetails OCCURS 26 TIMES.
      03 CountyTax
                   PIC 9(8)V99.
      03 PayerCount PIC 9(7).
         88 NoOnePaidTax VALUE ZEROS.
01 Idx
                     PIC 99.
01 CountyTaxLine.
   02 PrnCounty
                     PIC X(9).
                    PIC X(7) VALUE " Tax = ".
   02 FILLER
  02 PrnTax PIC $$$,$$$,$$9.99.
02 FILLER PIC X(12) VALUE " Payers = ".
02 PrnPayers PIC Z,ZZZ,ZZ9.
01 CountyNameTable.
   02 TableValues.
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Carlow".
                           VALUE "Cavan".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Clare".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Cork".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Donegal".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Dublin".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Galway".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Kerry".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Kildare".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Kilkenny".
                           VALUE "Laois".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                          VALUE "Leitrim"
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Limerick".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Longford".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Louth".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Mayo".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Meath".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Monaghan".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Offaly".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
                           VALUE "Roscommon".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9)
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VALUE "Sligo".

03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Tipperary".
03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Waterford".
03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Westmeath".

03 FILLER PIC X(9)



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03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Wexford".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Wicklow".
   02 FILLER REDEFINES TableValues.
      03 CountyName PIC X(9)
                       OCCURS 26 TIMES
                       INDEXED BY CountyIdx.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
Begin.
   OPEN INPUT TaxFile
   MOVE ZEROS TO CountyTaxTable
   READ TaxFile
     AT END SET EndOfTaxFile TO TRUE
   END-READ
   PERFORM UNTIL EndOfTaxFile
      SET CountyIdx Idx TO 1
      SEARCH CountyName VARYING Idx
         AT END DISPLAY "County " County " was not found"
         WHEN CountyName(CountyIdx) = County
              ADD TaxPaid TO CountyTax(Idx)
              ADD 1 TO PayerCount(Idx)
      END-SEARCH
      READ TaxFile
         AT END SET EndOfTaxFile TO TRUE
      END-READ
   END-PERFORM
   PERFORM DisplayCountyTaxes VARYING Idx FROM 1 BY 1
          UNTIL Idx GREATER THAN 26
   CLOSE TaxFile
   STOP RUN.
DisplayCountyTaxes.
   IF NOT NoOnePaidTax(Idx)
     MOVE CountyName(Idx) TO PrnCounty
      MOVE CountyTax(Idx) TO PrnTax
      MOVE PayerCount(Idx) TO PrnPayers
      DISPLAY CountyTaxLine
   END-IF.
```



Searching multi-dimension tables

Introduction

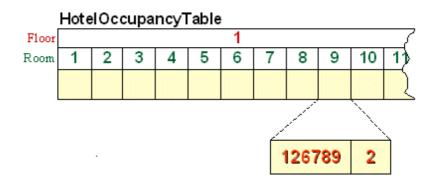
When the SEARCH verb is used, the target of the SEARCH must be an item in the table with both an OCCURS clause and an INDEXED BY phrase. The index item specified in the INDEXED BY phrase is the controlling index of the search. The controlling index governs the submission of the elements, or element items, for examination by the WHEN phrase of the SEARCH. A SEARCH can only have one controlling index.

Because a SEARCH can only have one controlling index it can only be used to search a single dimension of a table at a time. If the table to be searched is a multi-dimension table then the programmer must control the indexes of the other dimensions.

For instance, suppose a hotel keeps an Occupancy Table showing which rooms in the hotel are currently occupied. The table might be described as -

```
01 HotelOccupanyTable.
02 Floor OCCURS 5 TIMES INDEXED BY Fidx.
03 Room OCCURS 25 TIMES INDEXED BY Ridx.
04 CustomerId PIC 9(6).
04 NumOfOccupants PIC 9.
```

and we can represent this diagrammatically as follows -



Suppose we want to search the table to discover which room is occupied by customer 126789. We can't use the SEARCH to search the whole two-dimension table directly but we can use the SEARCH to search the table floor by floor. In other words, we can treat the table as if it were a collection of floor tables and we use the SEARCH to search all the rooms in a particular floor table.

The example program below demonstrates how the SEARCH verb may be used to search the two-dimension *HotelOccupancyTable*.



```
$ SET SOURCEFORMAT"FREE"
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. HotelSearch.
AUTHOR. Michael Coughlan.
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
FILE-CONTROL.
    SELECT OccupancyFile ASSIGN TO "Occupancy.DAT"
           ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL.
DATA DIVISION.
FILE SECTION.
FD OccupancyFile.
01 FloorRec
                 PIC X(175).
   88 EndOfFile VALUE HIGH-VALUES.
*Each record represents one row of the table
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 HotelOccupanyTable.
   02 Floor OCCURS 5 TIMES INDEXED BY Fidx.
      03 Room OCCURS 25 TIMES INDEXED BY Ridx.
         04 CustomerId
                           PIC 9(6).
         04 NumOfOccupants PIC 9.
01 CustId
                           PIC 9(6).
                           PIC 99.
01 RoomNum
01 FloorNum
                           PIC 9.
                           PIC 9 VALUE 0.
01 FILLER
   88 CustomerFound
                           VALUE 1.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
Begin.
   PERFORM LoadTable
```

```
DISPLAY "Enter Customer Id - " WITH NO ADVANCING
  ACCEPT CustId
  PERFORM VARYING Fidx FROM 1 BY 1 UNTIL Fidx > 5
                   OR CustomerFound
     SET Ridx TO 1
     SEARCH Room
        WHEN CustomerId(Fidx,Ridx) = CustId
             SET CustomerFound TO TRUE
             SET FloorNum TO Fidx
             SET RoomNum TO Ridx
             DISPLAY "Customer " CustId
                      " is in room " FloorNum "-" RoomNum
     END-SEARCH
  END-PERFORM
  IF NOT CustomerFound
     DISPLAY "That customer is not in the hotel"
  STOP RUN.
LoadTable.
  OPEN INPUT OccupancyFile
  READ OccupancyFile
     AT END SET EndOfFile TO TRUE
  END-READ
  PERFORM VARYING Fidx FROM 1 BY 1 UNTIL EndOfFile
     MOVE FloorRec TO Floor(Fidx)
     READ OccupancyFile
       AT END SET EndOfFile TO TRUE
     END-READ
  END-PERFORM
  CLOSE OccupancyFile.
```

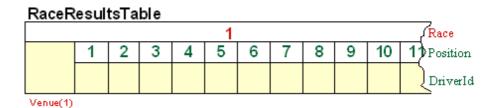
The Race Results Example program

This example demonstrates how the SEARCH may be used to search either of the dimensions of a two-dimension table.

Suppose that we want to use a two-dimension table to hold the finishing positions of drivers in fifteen races. The table to hold these details may be described as -

```
01 RaceResultsTable.
02 Race OCCURS 15 TIMES INDEXED BY Ridx.
03 Venue PIC X(20).
03 RacePos OCCURS 50 TIMES INDEXED BY Pidx.
04 DriverId PIC 9(4).
```

We can represent this diagramatically as follows -



In the example program below, the first dimension of the table is searched to find the results for a particular venue and then the second dimension, representing the

results fo the race at that venue, are searched to find the finishing position of a particular driver.



```
$ SET SOURCEFORMAT"FREE"
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. RaceSearch.
AUTHOR. Michael Coughlan.
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
FILE-CONTROL.
    SELECT RaceResultsFile ASSIGN TO "RaceResults.DAT"
           ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL.
DATA DIVISION.
FILE SECTION.
FD RaceResultsFile.
01 VenueRec.
   88 EndOfFile VALUE HIGH-VALUES.
   02 RaceVenue
                       PIC X(20).
                        PIC X(200).
   02 Results
*Each record represents one row of the table
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 RaceResultsTable.
   02 Race OCCURS 15 TIMES INDEXED BY Ridx.
      03 Venue PIC X(20).
      03 RacePos OCCURS 50 TIMES INDEXED BY Pidx.
         04 DriverId
                        PIC 9(4).
01 VenueName
                        PIC X(20).
01 DriverIdNum
                        PIC 9(4).
01 Pos
                        PIC 99.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
Begin.
   PERFORM LoadTable
   DISPLAY "Enter Venue name - " WITH NO ADVANCING
   ACCEPT VenueName
  DISPLAY "Enter the drivers id - "WITH NO ADVANCING
   ACCEPT DriverIdNum
   SET Ridx TO 1
   SEARCH Race
      AT END DISPLAY "Venue not found."
     WHEN Venue(Ridx) = VenueName
           PERFORM SearchForDriver
   END-SEARCH
   STOP RUN.
SearchForDriver.
   SET Pidx TO 1
   SEARCH RacePos
       AT END DISPLAY "Driver not in top 50 finishers"
       WHEN DriverId(Ridx, Pidx) = DriverIdNum
            SET Pos TO Pidx
            DISPLAY "In the race at " VenueName
            DISPLAY "Driver " DriverIdNum
                    "finished in position " Pos
   END-SEARCH.
LoadTable.
   OPEN INPUT RaceResultsFile
   READ RaceResultsFile
     AT END SET EndOfFile TO TRUE
   END-READ
   PERFORM VARYING Ridx FROM 1 BY 1 UNTIL EndOfFile
      MOVE VenueRec TO Race(Ridx)
```

```
READ RaceResultsFile
AT END SET EndOfFile TO TRUE
END-READ
END-PERFORM
CLOSE RaceResultsFile.
```

In the example above an out-of-line perform was used for the second SEARCH. This was not strictly necessary. The same result could have been achieved with nested SEARCH statements. For instance -

```
SET Ridx TO 1

SEARCH Race

AT END DISPLAY "Venue not found."

WHEN Venue(Ridx) = VenueName

SET Pidx TO 1

SEARCH RacePos

AT END DISPLAY "Driver not in top 50 finishers"

WHEN DriverId(Ridx, Pidx) = DriverIdNum

SET Pos TO Pidx

DISPLAY "In the race at " VenueName

DISPLAY "Driver " DriverIdNum

" finished in position " Pos

END-SEARCH

END-SEARCH
```



The SEARCH ALL verb

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The SEARCH ALL is used when a binary search is required. For this reason, the SEARCH ALL will only work on an ordered table. The table must be ordered on some some key field. The key field may be the element itself or, where the element is a group item, a field within the element. The key field must be identified by using the KEY IS phrase in the table declaration.

SEARCH ALL syntax

SEARCH ALL rules

1. The OCCURS clause of the table to be searched must have a KEY IS clause in addition to an INDEXED BY clause.

- 2. The *ElementIdentifier* must be the item referenced by the KEY IS phrase of the table's OCCURS clause.
- 3. The *ConditionName* must have only one value and it must be associated with a data-item referenced by the KEY IS phrase of the table's OCCURS clause.

SEARCH ALL notes

The KEY IS phrase identifies the data-item upon which the table is ordered.

When the SEARCH ALL is used, the programmer does not need to set the table index to a starting value because the SEARCH ALL controls it automatically.

Some problems using the SEARCH ALL

If the table to be searched is only partially populated, the SEARCH ALL may not work correctly. If the table is ordered in ascending sequence then, to get the SEARCH ALL to function correctly, the unpopulated elements must be filled with HIGH-VALUES. If the table is in descending sequence, the unpopulated elements should be filled with LOW-VALUES.

How a binary search works

A binary search requires that the table to be searched is ordered on some key field. A binary search works by repeatedly dividing the search area into a top and bottom half, deciding which half contains the required item, and then making that half the new search area. It continues halving the search area like this until the required item is found or it discovers that the item is not in the table.

The algorithm for the binary search is -

```
PERFORM UNTIL ItemFound OR ItemNotInTable

COMPUTE Middle = (Lower + Upper) / 2

EVALUATE TRUE

WHEN Key(Middle) < SearchItem COMPUTE Lower = Middle + 1

WHEN Key(Middle) > SearchItem COMPUTE Upper = Middle -1

WHEN Key(Middle) = SearchItem SET ItemFound TO TRUE

WHEN Lower > Upper THEN SET ItemNotInTable TO TRUE

END-EVALUATE

END-PERFORM
```

The animation below demonstrates how the binary search works. It uses a search of the letter table described in one of the examples above, as an example. To allow the table to be searched with the SEARCH ALL the description of the table has to be amended to include a KEY IS phrase as shown below.

```
01 LetterTable.
02 LetterValues.
03 FILLER PIC X(13)
VALUE "ABCDEFGHIJKLM".
03 FILLER PIC X(13)
VALUE "NOPQRSTUVWXYZ".
02 FILLER REDEFINES LetterValues.
03 Letter PIC X OCCURS 26 TIMES
ASCENDING KEY IS Letter
INDEXED BY LetterIdx.
```

When the table description contains a KEY IS phrase we can search it using the following statement -

```
SEARCH ALL Letter

AT END DISPLAY "Letter " SearchLetter " was not found!"

WHEN Letter(LetterIdx) = SearchLetter
```

SET LetterPos TO LetterIdx
DISPLAY SearchLetter " is in position " LetterPos
END-SEARCH.



The full program for searching the letter table is given below.



```
$ SET SOURCEFORMAT"FREE"
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. LetterSearchAll.
AUTHOR. Michael Coughlan.
* This program accepts an upper case letter from the
* user and then displays which letter of the alphabet
* it is.
DATA DIVISION.
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 LetterTable.
    02 LetterValues.
       03 FILLER PIC X(13)
          VALUE "ABCDEFGHIJKLM".
       03 FILLER PIC X(13)
          VALUE "NOPQRSTUVWXYZ".
    02 FILLER REDEFINES LetterValues.
       03 Letter PIC X OCCURS 26 TIMES
                       ASCENDING KEY IS Letter
                       INDEXED BY LetterIdx.
01 SearchLetter PIC X.
01 LetterPos
                PIC 99.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
Begin.
    DISPLAY "Enter the letter please - "
          WITH NO ADVANCING
    ACCEPT SearchLetter
    SET LetterIdx LetterPos TO 1
    SEARCH ALL Letter
       AT END DISPLAY "Letter " SearchLetter " was not found!"
       WHEN Letter(LetterIdx) = SearchLetter
       SET LetterPos TO LetterIdx
       DISPLAY SearchLetter " is in position " LetterPos
    END-SEARCH
    STOP RUN.
```

Example program

In this example, we revisit the County Tax Report program once more. This time we use the SEARCH ALL to search the pre-filled table of county names.

The new parts of the program are coloured red.

```
$ SET SOURCEFORMAT"FREE" IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. PROGRAM-ID. CountyTaxTable4. AUTHOR. Michael Coughlan.
```

```
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ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
FILE-CONTROL.
   SELECT TaxFile ASSIGN TO "CountyTaxes.DAT"
          ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL.
DATA DIVISION.
FILE SECTION.
FD TaxFile.
01 TaxRec.
  88 EndOfTaxFile VALUE HIGH-VALUES.
  02 PAYENum
                    PIC 9(8).
  02 County
                    PIC X(9).
  02 TaxPaid
                    PIC 9(7)V99.
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 CountyTaxTable.
   02 CountyTaxDetails OCCURS 26 TIMES.
      03 CountyTax PIC 9(8)V99.
      03 PayerCount PIC 9(7).
        88 NoOnePaidTax VALUE ZEROS.
                    PIC 99.
01 Idx
01 CountyTaxLine.
                    PIC X(9).
  02 PrnCounty
                    PIC X(7) VALUE " Tax = ".
  02 FILLER
  02 PrnTax
                    PIC $$$,$$$,$$9.99.
                    PIC X(12) VALUE "
  02 FILLER
                                        Payers = ".
                    PIC Z,ZZZ,ZZ9.
  02 PrnPayers
01 CountyNameTable.
   02 TableValues.
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Carlow".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Cavan".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Clare".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Cork".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Donegal".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Dublin".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Galway".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Kerry".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Kildare".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Kilkenny".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Laois".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Leitrim".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Limerick".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Longford".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Louth".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Mayo".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Meath".
     03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Monaghan".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Offaly".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Roscommon".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Sligo".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Tipperary".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Westmeath".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Waterford".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Wexford".
      03 FILLER PIC X(9) VALUE "Wicklow".
   02 FILLER REDEFINES TableValues.
          CountyName PIC X(9)
                      OCCURS 26 TIMES
                      ASCENDING KEY IS CountyName
                      INDEXED BY CountyIdx.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
Begin.
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OPEN INPUT TaxFile

MOVE ZEROS TO CountyTaxTable

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READ TaxFile
      AT END SET EndOfTaxFile TO TRUE
   END-READ
   PERFORM UNTIL EndOfTaxFile
      SEARCH ALL CountyName
         AT END DISPLAY "County " County " was not found"
         WHEN CountyName(CountyIdx) = County
               SET Idx TO CountyIdx
               ADD TaxPaid TO CountyTax(Idx)
               ADD 1 TO PayerCount(Idx)
      END-SEARCH
      READ TaxFile
         AT END SET EndOfTaxFile TO TRUE
      END-READ
   END-PERFORM
   PERFORM DisplayCountyTaxes VARYING Idx FROM 1 BY 1
           UNTIL Idx GREATER THAN 26
   CLOSE TaxFile
   STOP RUN.
DisplayCountyTaxes.
   IF NOT NoOnePaidTax(Idx)
      MOVE CountyName(Idx) TO PrnCounty
MOVE CountyTax(Idx) TO PrnTax
      MOVE PayerCount(Idx) TO PrnPayers
      DISPLAY CountyTaxLine
   END-IF.
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