Modula-2 System for Z80 CP/M

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Preface

PREFACE

This compiler development was undertaken mainly because of two reasons:

- It seemed possible to us to implement a modern language such as Modula-2 on a Z80 processor based computer system and we thought of it as a challenging task.
- The apparent lack of care regarding code generation in most other block structured language implementations on the Z80 was limiting a Z80 system's capabilities much more than necessary; it wasn't possible to replace assembly language as a development tool as soon as it came to larger systems because of space problems.

So, the development goals were to create a compiler that generates a reasonably small amount of code in a reasonably small amount of time leading to reasonably short execution times and allowing the compilation of full Modula-2.

These goals have been accomplished in our eyes, but judge yourself by reading the Startup Guide.