

BREXX/370 V2R4M0 Installation Guide

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Introduction

This document covers the installation process of the new BREXX/370 V2R4M0.

BREXX/370 is provided as-is, please test carefully in test systems only!

BREXX/370 is not the same as IBM's REXX; there are many similarities, but also differences, especially when using MVS specific functions.

The next TK4- Update 9 release contains BREXX/370.

Prerequisites

MVS TK4-

This version of BREXX/370 has been developed and tested within Jürgen Winkelmann's TK4- (update 08, and 09esp). It may work in other versions of MVS but can't be guaranteed.

None MVS TK4- Installation

Users who run a none TK4- MVS installation should pay attention to the following differences:

XMIT RECEIVE STEPLIB DD Statement

It might be necessary to add a STEPLIB DD statement to locate the library containing the RECV370:

```
//RECV370 EXEC PGM=RECV370
//STEPLIB DD DSN=library
```

Please add it to the Jobs where needed.

IN TK4- RECV370 is contained in a system library; therefore, a STEPLIB DD statement is not needed!

REGION SIZE

For non TK4- MVS versions it might be necessary to reduce the REGION size parameter to 4 MB or 6 MB, as MVS may reject the REGION=8192K parameter with the message: "REGION UNAVAILABLE, ERROR CODE=20". TK4- supports 8MB regions size.

```
//stepname EXEC PGM=xxxxxx, REGION=6144K
```

ISPF support (optional)

BREXX/370 also supports Wally McLaughlin's version of ISPF and its contained SPF panels.

Recommendations

We recommend testing BREXX/370 in an isolated test system to avoid any impact on your current system. To achieve this, you can easily copy the entire Hercules/MVS directory to another location and install BREXX/370 there.

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Preparation of your target MVS38J System

BREXX Catalogue

Make sure that your MVS system has a BREXX Alias pointing to a user catalogue defined in the master catalogue. To determine it, run the command:

```
listcat entries('brexx') all
```

The result must look like this:

```
ALIAS ----- BREXX
      IN-CAT --- SYS1.VMASTCAT
      HISTORY
      RELEASE-----2
      ASSOCIATIONS
      USERCAT--SYS1.UCAT.MVS
```

If the BREXX Alias is not defined, add it:

```
//ADDBREXX    EXEC PGM=IDCAMS
//SYSPRINT     DD      SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN        DD      *
      DEFINE ALIAS (NAME(BREXX) RELATE(your-user-catalog))
```

If the submitted job is not running, it might be necessary to enter the password of the master-catalogue in the MVS console (in TK4- not needed)

If you omit this step, all BREXX data sets are catalogued in the Master Catalog. In this case, it may require the use of the Master Catalog password during the catalogue process. If you are running TK4- you do not see such requests as RAKF is providing the access authorisation of the Master Catalog, which therefore is not password protected. In the default TK4- configuration, only users HERC01 and HERC02 are authorised to update the master catalogue.

Important Notice: All JCLs in the installation and sample library contain now a **NOTIFY=&SYSUID** parameter in the JOB card. If the patch, to resolve it during the Submit process by the current user-id, is not applied, you need to change &SYSUID to your userid, or remove it from the JOB card!

BREXX Catalogue

Make sure that dataset **BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL** is not already catalogued from a previous run. It is the recommended dataset name and will be created during the receiving process of RECV370.

Important Notice: If a previous version of this dataset name is still catalogued, the new version ends up as not catalogued: with a **NOT CATLG 2** message! The Job output does not reveal by a ccod. Any later job which is accessing BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL will use the old version of the dataset.

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Installation

Step 0 - Unzip BREXX/370 Installation File

The ZIP installation file consists of several files:

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| • README.pdf | important information to BREXX/370 |
| • BREXX370_Installation_Guide_V2R4M0.pdf | this installation document |
| • BREXX370_Users_Guide_V2R4M0.pdf | BREXX/370 User's Guide |
| • BREXX370_Formatted_Screens_Guide_V2R4M0.pdf | Formatted Screens User's Guide |
| • BREXX370_VSAM_Guide_V2R4M0.pdf | VSAM User's Guide |
| • BREXX370_Migration_Notice_V2R4M0.pdf | Migration Notice, new functionality and changes on existing functions |
| • BREXX370_V2R4M0.XMIT | XMIT File containing BREXX modules and Installation JCL |

Step 1 - Upload XMIT File

Use the appropriate upload facility of your terminal emulation.

The file created during upload must have **RECFM FB and LRECL 80**. If the DCB does not match, the subsequent unpacking process fails.

Step 2 - Unpack XMIT File

Unpack the XMIT file with an appropriate JCL. If you don't have one you can use the following sample, just cut and paste it in one of your TK4- JCL libraries:

```
//BRXXREC JOB 'XMIT RECEIVE',CLASS=A,MSGCLASS=H
//* -----
//* RECEIVE XMIT FILE AND CREATE DSN OR PDS
//* -----
//RECV370 EXEC PGM=RECV370,REGION=8192K
//RECVLOG DD SYSOUT=*
//XMITIN DD DSN=HERC01.UPLOAD.XMIT,DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSUT1 DD DSN=&&XMIT2,
// UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(TRK,(300,60)),
// DISP=(NEW,DELETE,DELETE)
//SYSUT2 DD DSN=BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL,
// UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(TRK,(300,60,20)),
// DISP=(NEW,CATLG,CATLG)
//SYSIN DD DUMMY
```

HERC01.UPLOAD.XMIT

represents the uploaded XMIT File – please change it accordingly to the name you have chosen during the upload process.

BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL

is the name of the unpacked library (created during the UNPACK process). It is recommendable to remain with this DSN as it is used in later processes

Make sure there is no previous version of this PDS cataloged;

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Once the submitted job has successfully unpacked the XMIT file into the target PDS, proceed with **STEP 3**. The created library contains all JCL to pursue with unpacking and installing.

Important Notice: If you use a different JCL to unpack the XMIT file, use **UNIT=3390** in the JCL. The unit type 3390 was the only reliably UNIT that ran in all tested TK4- environments. Other units may sometimes lead to various errors during the unpacking process.

The next steps make usage of the unpacked library (in this example **BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL**)

Please run the JCL in the given order (refer to the **Step x** reference in the table). Submit **Step 3** as the first JCL of the installation sequence. Entries without a Step reference are used from the JCLs as input datasets.

Library content:

\$CLEANUP	Cleanup: Remove unnecessary installation files	-> Step 6
\$INSTALL	Install BREXX/370	-> Step 4
\$README	Read me file	
\$TESTRX	Test job to verify the BREXX/370 installation	-> Step 5
\$UNPACK	Unpack subsequent libraries	-> Step 3
BUILD	Contains BREXX/370 Version and date and XMIT date	
CMDLIB	xmit packed command proc	
SAMPLES	xmit packed BREXX commands	
JCL	xmit packed example JCL	
LINKLIB	xmit packed BREXX Load library	
PROCLIB	xmit packed BREXX JCL procedures	
RXINSTDL	Internal CLIST used during Installation	
RXLIB	xmit packed include library	

Activating the new BREXX V2R4M0 Release

The next steps describe how to enable your new BREXX Release. In summary, you must run the following jobs out of the above library in the listed sequence:

\$UNPACK	mandatory
\$INSTALL	mandatory
\$TESTRX	optional, recommended
\$CLEANUP	optional

See details in the step descriptions

Step 3 - Submit \$UNPACK JCL of the unpacked Library

In the unpacking process, the contained installation files will be expanded into different partitioned datasets.

Before submitting the \$UNPACK JCL, the XMITLIB parameter must match the dataset name used in the expand JCL of Step2.

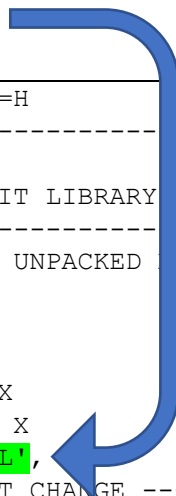
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If you followed the recommendation to name it:

BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL

no change is required.

```
//BRXXUNP JOB 'XMIT UNPACK',CLASS=A,MSGCLASS=H
//* -----
//* UNPACK XMIT FILES INTO INSTALL LIBRARIES
//* *** CHANGE XMITLIB= TO THE EXPANDED XMIT LIBRARY OF INSTALLATION
//* -----
//*          <---->    CHANGE XMITLIB TO THE UNPACKED XMIT FILE    <---->
//*
//          XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
//          X      X      X
//          X      X      X
//          X      X      X
//          X      X      X
//XMITLOAD PROC XMITLIB='BREXX.V2R4M0.INSTALL',
//          HLQ='BREXX.V2R4M0',          <-- DO NOT CHANGE -----
//          MEMBER=
```



! If the job does not run and waits, check with option 3.8 the status, it is most likely "WAITING FOR DATASETS". The simplest method to resolve this is to LOGOFF and re-LOGON to your TSO session.

After completion of the \$UNPACK JCL the following new Libraries are available:

BREXX.V2R4M0.CMDLIB	REXX commands directly executable
BREXX. V2R4M0.SAMPLE	REXX Samples scripts
BREXX. V2R4M0.JCL	REXX Job Control
BREXX. V2R4M0.LINKLIB	BREXX Load Modules
BREXX. V2R4M0.APFLIB	BREXX authorised Load Modules
BREXX. V2R4M0.PROCLIB	BREXX JCL Procedures
BREXX. V2R4M0.RXLIB	BREXX include Libraries

The unpacking process removes any old version of the above libraries, before the creation of the new version. If no old version of these libraries is available, the delete steps end with **RC=4**, as well as the job ends with **RC=4**. Ignore these errors, if the individual unpack steps return with RC=0. Therefore please carefully check the output of this job.

! **Before you install BREXX, you must decide either on the "normal" BREXX installation or the authorised BREXX installation.**

With the authorised version you can call from BREXX utilities as IEBGENER, IEBCOPY, NJE38, etc. which run in authorised mode. This requires that the environment in which you start BREXX is authorised, meaning Wally McLaughlin's ISPF, or RFE must be authorised. Plain TSO is already authorised.

Both installations are copied into the same partitioned datasets; they are, therefore, mutually exclusive!

If the standard installation is sufficient, continue with **Step 4**

If you plan to use the authorised, continue with **Step 4A**. In this case, the MVS authorisation table needs to be updated as well.

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Step 4 - Submit \$INSTALL JCL for the Standard Installation

The \$INSTALL JCL copies the BREXX Members into the appropriate SYS2. Libraries It also removes BREXXSTD from SYS2.LINKLIB as it will be no longer delivered.

BREXX.LINKLIB	->	SYS2.LINKLIB
BREXX.PROCLIB	->	SYS2.PROCLIB

All these members are BREXX/370 specific and do not conflict with existing members. Members of the system libraries remain untouched.

Please log off and re-login to your TSO session before performing any online testing; this enforces the new loading of modules used during the testing, else most probably you will see an OC4.

In rare situations, the installation of the BREXX Linklib members may create a new dataset extent in SYS2.LINKLIB. In this case, you must also restart your TK4- MVS session.

Continue with STEP 5

Step 4A- Submit \$INSTAPF JCL for the Authorised Installation

The \$INSTAPF JCL copies the authorised BREXX Members into the appropriate SYS2. Libraries. It also removes BREXXSTD from SYS2.LINKLIB as it will be no longer delivered.

BREXX.LINKLIB	->	SYS2.LINKLIB
BREXX.PROCLIB	->	SYS2.PROCLIB

All these members are BREXX/370 specific and do not conflict with existing members. Members of the system libraries remain untouched.

To authorise the Modules to change the following Modules

- SYS1.UMODSRC(IKJEFT2)
- SYS1.UMODSRC(IKJEFT8)

Add the BREXX modules to the sources:

DC	CL8 'BREXX	'
DC	CL8 'REXX	'
DC	CL8 'RX	'

To activate the changes submit the Jobs:

- SYS1.UMODCNTL(ZUM0001)
- SYS1.UMODCNTL(ZUM0014)

Restart your MVS

- Shut down your MVS
- Re-IPL your job with the CLPA option
- Shut Down MVS again
- Perform normal IPL

If you run Wally McLaughlin's ISPF the ISPF libraries must be authorised, otherwise calling a rexx from within ISPF will abend (usually S306).

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Step 5 - Submit \$TESTRX JCL of the unpacked Library

\$TESTRX start a test to verify the installation of BREXX/370. All steps should return with RC=0

Step 6 - Submit \$CLEANUP JCL of the unpacked Library

The \$CLEANUP job removes all unnecessary installation files they are no longer needed, as they were merged into the appropriate SYS2.xxx library

BREXX.V2R4M0.LINKLIB BREXX.V2R4M0.PROCLIB
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You may also wish to remove the uploaded XMIT File, which was used for the first unpack process.

Step 7 - ADD BREXX Libraries into TSO Logon

To run BREXX with its shortcut RX, REXX, BREXX you must allocate the BREXX libraries into your Logon procedure. There are several ways to achieve this. The easiest and recommended method for TK4 users is to add lines into SYS1.CMDPROC(**USRLOGON**). None TK4 installation may use different libraries.

Locate the line **%STDLOGON**, add the following command sequence before it:

```
/* ALLOCATE SYSEXEC TO SYS2 EXEC */
IF &SYSDSN('SYS2.EXEC') EQ &STR(OK) THEN DO
  FREE FILE(SYSEXEC)
  ALLOC FILE(SYSEXEC) +
    DSN('SYS2.EXEC') SHR
END

/* ALLOCATE SYSUEXEC TO USER EXECS */
IF &SYSDSN('&SYSUID..EXEC') EQ &STR(OK) THEN DO
  FREE FILE(SYSUEXEC)
  ALLOC FILE(SYSUEXEC) +
    DSN('&SYSUID..EXEC') SHR
END

/* ALLOCATE RXLIB IF PRESENT */
IF &SYSDSN('BREXX.V2R4M0.RXLIB') EQ &STR(OK) THEN DO
  FREE FILE(RXLIB)
  ALLOC FILE(RXLIB) +
    DSN('BREXX.V2R4M0.RXLIB') SHR
END
%STDLOGON    <<< insert above coding before this CLIST call
```

The update of the TSO Logon CLIST is an entirely manual process! Please take a backup of USRLOGON CLIST first to allow a recovery in case of errors!

! Users who upgrade from a previous release of BREXX need to update the logon clist and replace the RXLIB allocation with the current dataset name: **BREXX.V2R4M0.RXLIB**.

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Step 8 - Your Tests

! It is advised to LOGOFF and LOGON again to your system to make sure that the newly installed modules become active

Now it's your turn to test BREXX/370! Please be advised BREXX/370 is not z/OS REXX, so you might miss some functions but find also functions not available in the "original".

Step 9 - Remove old BREXX Libraries (optional)

If you had a previous BREXX/370 version installed and your tests ran successfully, you can remove the libraries of the earlier BREXX version, for example, V2R2M0.

BREXX.V2R2M0.CMDLIB	REXX commands
BREXX. V2R2M0.SAMPLE	REXX Samples scripts
BREXX. V2R2M0.JCL	REXX Job Control
BREXX. V2R2M0.LINKLIB	BREXX Load Modules
BREXX. V2R2M0.PROCLIB	BREXX JCL Procedures
BREXX. V2R2M0.RXLIB	BREXX include Libraries

If you upgrade from the very first BREXX/370 version, you can remove the following libraries:

BREXX.CMDLIB	REXX commands
BREXX.SAMPLE	REXX Samples scripts
BREXX.JCL	REXX Job Control
BREXX.LINKLIB	BREXX Load Modules
BREXX.PROCLIB	BREXX JCL Procedures
BREXX.RXLIB	BREXX include Libraries

Useful functions

There are JCL Procedures delivered, which facilitate the test and execution of REXX scripts.

The installation process merges them into SYS2.PROCLIB.

The delivered RXLIB PDS contains several REXX functions, which are usable as if they were a BREXX internal function. The delivered JCL procedures allocate the RXLIB library, and it is recommended to add it also into the TSO Logon procedures (Step 8).

TSO online

RX rexx-script-name alternatively **REXX rexx-script-name**

Can be used to start the REXX script from TSO (option 6). BREXX performs all necessary allocations. It is advised to add a user-specific REXX library, naming convention: **&SYSUID.EXEC** (RECFM=VB, LRECL255). If available, the REXX-script searches path starts from there.

The REXX library search sequence is:

1. SYSUEXEC typically &SYSUID.EXEC
2. SYSUPROC (optional)

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3. SYSEXEC (optional)
4. SYSPROC. (optional)

At least one of these libraries needs to be pre-allocated during the TSO logon process. It is not mandatory to have all of them allocated. It depends on your planned REXX development environment. The allocations may consist of concatenated datasets.

RX 'dataset-name(rexx-script-name)' or REXX 'dataset(rexx-script-name)'

Alternatively, you can specify a fully qualified dataset-name

TSO Batch (start REXX JCL Procedure)

There is a JCL Procedure defined that allows you to run REXX Scripts in a TSO Batch environment. The Procedure performs all necessary BREXX and TSO allocations. Some ADDRESS TSO commands as ALLOC/FREE are supported

```
//DATETEST JOB CLASS=A,MSGCLASS=H,REGION=8192K,NOTIFY=&SYSUID
//*
//* -----*
//* TEST REXX DATE AS TSO BATCH
//* -----*
//REXX EXEC RXTSO,EXEC='DATE#T',SLIB='BREXX.SAMPLES'
```

EXEC defines the rexx to run

SLIB defines the library containing the rexx script

Additionally, you can add a P='input-parameters' JCL Parameter field, if you rexx receives input parameters.

Plain Batch (start REXX JCL Procedure)

There is a JCL Procedure defined that allows you to run REXX Scripts in a plain Batch environment. The Procedure performs all necessary BREXX allocations. ADDRESS TSO commands are not supported here!

```
//DATETEST JOB CLASS=A,MSGCLASS=H,REGION=8192K,NOTIFY=&SYSUID
//*
//* -----*
//* TEST REXX DATE AS TSO BATCH
//* -----*
//REXX EXEC RXBATCH,EXEC='ETIME#T',SLIB='BREXX.SAMPLES'
```

EXEC defines the rexx to run

SLIB defines the library containing the rexx

Additionally, you can add a P='input-parameters' JCL Parameter field, if your rexx receives input parameters.

BREXX/370 Sample Library

The Library BREXX.SAMPLES contains a variety of REXX scripts that cover the following areas:

- Basic functionality in Members starting with '\$'

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- FSS samples, starting with '#'
- VSAM samples beginning with '@'
- All other scripts are original samples delivered with Vasilis Vlachoudis BREXX installation.

BREXX/370 Hints

- Please make sure that your REXX files do not contain line numbering! They are not wiped out by BREXX/370 and therefore treated as the content of the script. This lead to errors during interpretation, sometimes even system abends! Use **UNNUM** as a primary command in the RFE editor to switch line numbering off and remove existing numbers.
- If the BREXX/370 call leads to an S106 Abend, the most likely reason is the creation of a new extent in SYS2.LINKLIB during the installation process. Its size and number of extents are loaded during IPL and kept while MVS is up and running. The creation of new extents will therefore not be discovered.
 - You can either re-IPL your system or better
 - REORG SYS2.LINKLIB with IEBCOPY

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BREXX Documentation

You find the BREXX documentation at:

<https://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/languages/rexx/brex/html/rx.html>

Credits

- BREXX has been developed by Vasilis Vlachoudis, who made it publicly available as freeware for non-commercial purposes.
- Jason Winter's JCC Compiler compiled BREXX
- JCC and the JCC-Library are owned and maintained by him. While not being freeware, Jason allows non-commercial usage and distribution of Software created using JCC through a relaxed license, as long as the complete source code always accompanies those distributions.
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BREXX/370 Source Code

The BREXX/370 Source Code can be found and downloaded at:

<https://github.com/mvslovers/brex370/>