

**NAME**

ebcdic – file format

**DESCRIPTION**

The ebcdic format is a convenient representation for files consisting of card images in an arbitrary code. Files created by the *send*(I) command, to be entered into rje *xmit*\* queues, are in this format. So are files of punch output from HASP.

An ebcdic file is a simple concatenation of card records. A card record consists of a single control byte followed by a variable number of data bytes. The control byte specifies the number (which must lie in the range 0-80) of data bytes that follow. The data bytes are 8-bit codes that constitute the card image. If there are fewer than 80 data bytes, it is understood that the remainder of the card image consists of trailing blanks.

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