

v-FORTH 1.5

ZX Spectrum Next version

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Introduction
&
Technical Info

Build 20210407

1. Forewords

This document introduces a Forth implementation suitable to run on **Sinclair ZX Spectrum Next**.

This is in essence a FIG-Forth ported to the new **Sinclair ZX Spectrum Next** based on my previous work **v-Forth 1.413** available at <https://sites.google.com/view/vforth/vforth1413> and at <https://github.com/mattsteeldue/vforth>.

This version **v-Forth 1.5** is available at <https://sites.google.com/view/vforth/vforth15-next> and on GitHub repository too at <https://github.com/mattsteeldue/vforth-next>. The main difference from the previous version is that it uses a dedicated file on SD instead of on ZX Microdrive cartridges to provide a Block/Screen facility. Even if this is a “working” piece of software, the porting is still a work-in-progress, there are many things to do.

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2. Getting started

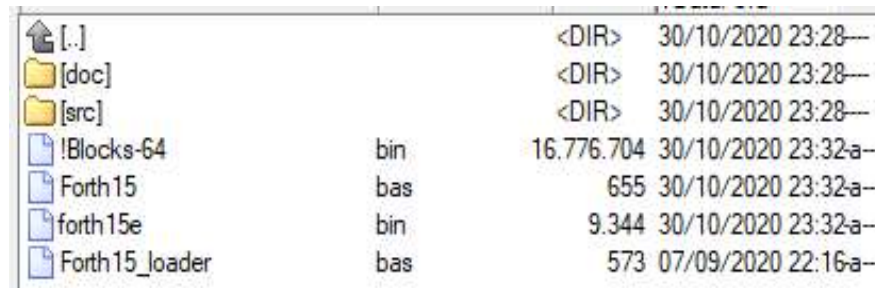
The most recent version of this software can be downloaded from GitHub repository as .zip file at

<https://github.com/mattsteeldue/vforth-next/tree/master/download>

In alternative, the same executable programs are available in the same repository:

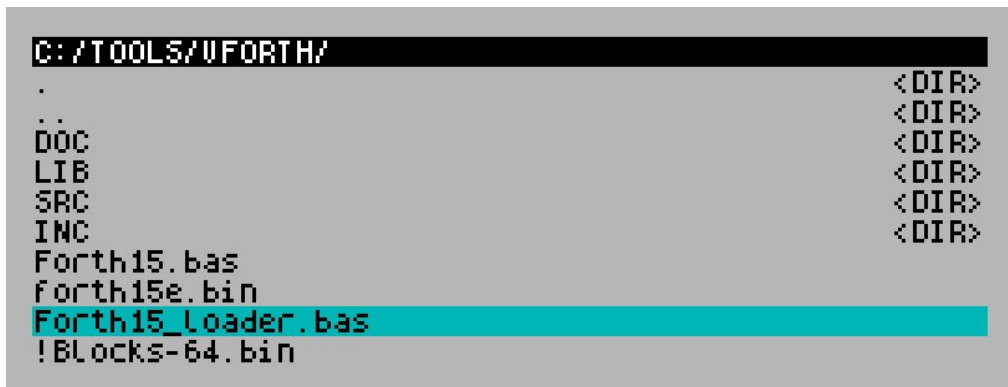
<https://github.com/mattsteeldue/vforth-next/tree/master/SD/vforth>

Unzip or copy the software to "C:/tools/vForth" directory inside your Next's SD card so it appears as follow:



If you wish to use a different directory instead of C:/forth, you need to modify the paths in the two Basic programs.

The Forth System is activated by running a Basic program **C:/forth/forth15_loader.bas**. This can be done using the Browser and selecting it, then clicking ENTER.



The Basic loader **forth15_loader.bas** frees upper memory setting RAMTOP to address 25345; it loads **forth15e.bin** (the Forth core) and then it loads a smaller Basic launcher **Forth15.bas** you can customize for your purposes.

```
now LOADING code...
"forth15e.bin" CODE 25600

sleep 5

LOADing wrapper...
"Forth15.bas"
```

A Splash screen displays “Version number” and “Build date” followed by some technical system information. Within a few seconds the system will ask if you would like to “Run Scr# 11 autoexec”: the only way to refuse is using **[N]** key. It is anyway a good idea allowing Forth to continue and **LOAD Screen # 11** that in turn loads a few useful Screens which make available, among the others, two peculiar words: **EDIT** the “**Screen Editor**” and **SEE** the “**Debugger Inspector**”. This phase is executed only at *first* startup, but you can run again using **AUTOEXEC** word.

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28.0 MHz Z80n CPU Speed.
19142 bytes free in Dictionary.
65533 bytes free in Heap.

Autoexec says :
Do you wish to load Scr# 11 ? (Y/n) █
```

The Basic launcher **Forth15.bas** usually auto-starts the first time at **LINE 20**, so you won’t care, but in case you **STOP** it or the Forth system encounters an Error that forces it to return to Basic, you have two main choices:

- a. give **RUN** : This does a **WARM** start, preserving your previous work and buffer status.
- b. give **RUN 20** : This does a **COLD** start, restoring all as you just loaded from SD card.

Before entering Forth, the Basic launcher does an **OPEN# 13, "o>output.txt"** that can be later chosen from Forth via **SELECT** to collect any output you send to this output channel.

You can modify the Basic launcher by adding commands to **OPEN#** any other file *for read* so that it can be fed to Forth as a text source; for example you can add the following Basic line:

```
92 OPEN # 12, "src/Z80N-asm.f"
```

Later, this allows Forth to load such a source file using the following:

```
-12 LOAD
```

In this case, a negative number such as **-12** says `LOAD` Forth word to read input text from stream #12 instead of loading from Screen #-12, that doesn't exist. This feature, i.e. passing a negative "screen" number to `LOAD`, is not Forth standard, but an idea of mine.

In this Forth implementation I preferred LAYER 1,2 display mode to allow 64 character per line: this is quite necessary to be able to display a whole 1024 character Screen in a single screen.

If you prefer LAYER 1,1 you can add a line 61 in **Forth15.bas** wrapper as follow

```
61 LAYER 1,1: PRINT CHR$ 30; CHR$ 4;
```

to switch to LAYER 1,1 and condensed character set. The result is quite poor in my opinion:



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28.0 MHz 280n CPU Speed.  
19142 bytes free in Dictionary.  
65533 bytes free in Heap.  
  
Autoexec says :  
Do you wish to load ScrM 11 ? (Y/n) █
```

The Full Screen Editor Utility

The EDIT definition is available after you give 190 LOAD.

On this Forth system, as in many others, a Screen has 1024 bytes of data structured in 16 lines, 64 bytes each.

This Full Screen Editor Utility is invoked using EDIT definition. This enters a simple full-screen editor that can modify current Screen, one at a time. While using EDIT, you are allowed move to next Screen or to previous Screen using the command explained below.

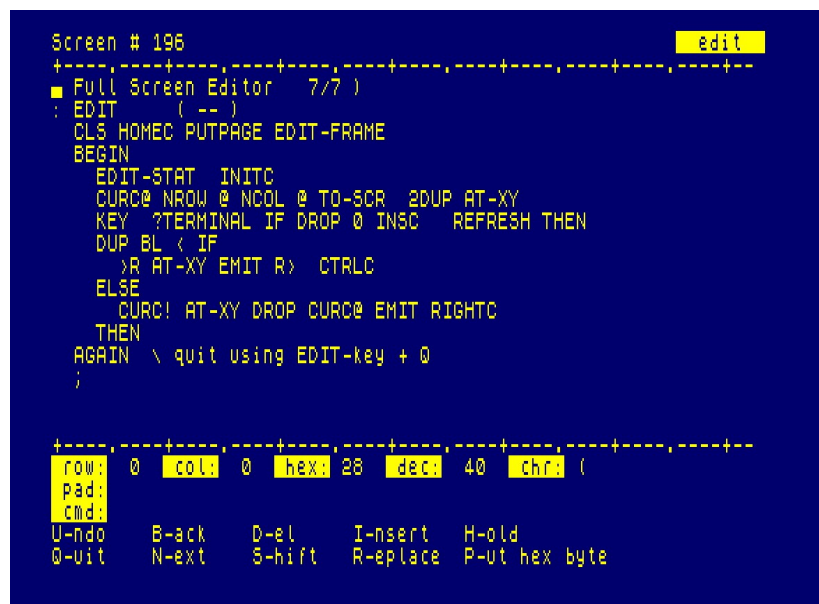
Remember: to quit EDIT Editor, you have to use [Edit] key followed by [Q] key. In a way similar as Unix vi editor

This editor works only while the display-mode allow 64 character per line at least.

EDIT

For example, to select, show and edit Screen # 196 you can give:

```
DECIMAL 196 LIST EDIT
```



It show a header reporting the Screen number and a line-ruler followed by 16 lines that compose the Screen itself.

A flashing cursor is visible at home position. It has two flashing mode to distinguish CAPS-LOCK enabled or disabled.

The cursor keys, i.e. [Shift] key + 5 / 6 / 7 / 8 keys, allow the flashing cursor to be moved across the screen to point the current position inside the Screen, so text can be typed at any position in the Screen.

Current cursor positions (**row** number and **column** number) is shown at bottom status bar along with current character, **decimal** code and **hexadecimal** code of it.

Pad line show the current PAD content. Line oriented commands handle or work with PAD.

After [Edit] key (i.e. Shift + 1) the Editor recognizes the following single key-stroke commands:

[Edit] + Q : Quit EDIT Utility
[Edit] + U : Undo, that is re-read current screen from disk ignoring any modification done since last FLUSH.
[Edit] + N : go to **N**ext screen
[Edit] + B : go **B**ack to previous screen
[Edit] + S : make **S**pace at current row shifting down lower lines; last line will be lost.
[Edit] + D : **D**elete current line shifting up lower lines.
[Edit] + I : Insert **P**AD at current line: it does S and R together.
[Edit] + R : **R**eplace current line with the current **P**AD content.
[Edit] + H : **H**old or take current line content and keep it in **P**AD
[Edit] + P : accepts two hexadecimal digits representing a byte and **P**ut it at cursor position.

any other key has no meaning and returns the flashing cursor back to its position.

[Delete] removes a character at current cursor position, shifting left the rest of the line.

[Break] (that is Caps-Shift + SPACE) inserts a space at current cursor position, shifting right the rest of the line.

Beware, any modification immediately affects the underlying Buffers, so if you mess things too much so that **[Edit] + U** is not enough, there is only a way to recover it: using **EMPTY-BUFFERS** to erase all buffers without flushing to disk.

This “Full Screen Editor” is a work-in-progress and can be improved if needed.

Search and Locate Utility

The following definitions are available after you give 70 LOAD.

LOCATE

Used in the form

LOCATE cccc

this word examines all Screens looking for the definition of **cccc** and shows the Screen where it found it and makes it the “current screen”, just like LIST for example

LOCATE LOCATE

takes a few seconds to search in which Screen LOCATE is defined, and if found it shows the Screen

```
Scr# 75
0 ( LOCATE )
1 : LOCATE ( -- cccc )
2 BL TEXT
3 1000 1 DO
4 I 05 MOD 42 + EMIT
5 1 \ I 20 MOD
6 IF 8 EMIT THEN
7 I LOCATE.BLK
8 LOOP
9 ." Not found. " ;
10
11
12
13
```

GREP

Used in the form

SEARCH-ALL cccc

this word examines all Screens looking for any occurrence of word **cccc** showing them in a table form; for example

GREP LOCATE

will take some more time to complete and gives something like the following

```
grep locate ...Searching for locate
Screen Line Char
74 0 2 ( LOCATE )
75 0 2 ( LOCATE )
75 1 2 : LOCATE ( -- cccc )
ok
█
```


BSEARCH **n1 n2** ---

Used in the form

```
n1 n2 BSEARCH cccc
```

this word examines all Screens between n1 and n2 looking for any occurrence of word **cccc** showing them in a table form. This definition is used by **GREP**.

COMPARE **a1 c1 a2 c2** ---

Given two string descriptors, that is address and length, (a1, c1) and (a2, c2), this definition compares the two strings and returns

- 1 if they're equal
- 2 if String1 > String2
- 1 if String1 < String2

For example:

```
CREATE S1 , " Hello world!"
CREATE S2 , " Hello world?"
S1 COUNT S2 COUNT COMPARE .
```

will print -1 since the two strings differs only for the last character and ! precedes ? in the ASCII table.

Debugger Utility

The following definitions are available after loading via 20 LOAD or after a regular AUTOEXEC.

SEE

Used in the form

SEE cccc

it will print how the word `cccc` is defined along with its NFA, CFA, PFA data.

If `cccc` is a regular colon-definition the result will show something close to the original source the word was defined from.

For example, the word **TYPE** is a colon-definition defined as follow:

```
: type  ( a n -- )
      over + swap
      ?Do
        i c@ emit
      Loop
;
```

If you give

SEE TYPE

it will print something like

```
Nfa: 727F 84
Lfa: 7284 COUNT
Cfa: 7286 6BCF
OVER + SWAP (?DO) 12 I C@ EMIT (LOOP) -8 ok
```

The first line shows **TYPE** NFA (\$727F in this case) followed by \$84 that is the counter byte of a 4-bytes length name: the counter byte always has the most significant bit set, so \$80 is added to \$04 giving \$84.

The second line is **TYPE** LFA (\$7190) which address holds a pointer to COUNT NFA i.e. the previous definition in dictionary.

The third line is **TYPE** CFA which address holds a pointer to the machine-code part of a regular colon-definition (that's the ENTER routine of every colon-definition).

The fourth line represents the PFA and, in this case, is in some way a definition “de-compilation” where literals and offsets are shown in “inverse video” mode.

Another example, the word **NIP** isn't a colon-definition, but it is coded directly in machine-code as follow:

```
CODE nip  ( n1 n2 -- n2 )
      POP      HL|
      EX(SP) HL
      Next
      C;
```

and if you give

```
SEE NIP
```

it will print

```
Nfa: 6AD5 83
Lfa: 6AD9 DROP
Cfa: 6ADB 6ADD
6ADD E1 E3 DD E9 84 54 55 43 ac]I.TUC
6A0D CB D5 6A EA 6A E1 D1 E5 KUjjjaQe
...
```

In this case, since **NIP** is not a colon-definition, its PFA part is just a **DUMP** (you can stop at any time).

Again, the first line shows **NIP**'s CFA (\$6AD9 in this case) followed by \$83, the counter byte, that indicates a 3-bytes length word name.

The second line is **NIP**'s LFA (\$6AD9) which has a pointer to **DROP**'s NFA, that is the previous definition in dictionary.

The third line is **NIP**'s CFA (\$6ADB) which cell points to the following address (\$6ADD), that is **NIP**'s PFA where the small piece of machine-code lies. We should be able to see **E1** for POP HL, **E3** for EX (SP), HL and **DDE9** for JP (IX) to "Next" inner interpreter address **\$6434**.

The following bytes 84 54 55 43 are the beginning of the following definition in dictionary (**TUCK** in this case).

This utility is not perfect, but is a good way to debug and understand Forth.

DUMP a ---

Performs a "dump" of a memory area from address **a** for 128 bytes or until [Break] is pressed. Visualization is always in hexadecimal, current base is maintained. For example:

```
DECIMAL 448 DUMP
```

will print the Standard ROM content starting from address 448 (\$01C0):

```
01C0 4C 49 53 D4 4C 45 D4 50 LISTLETP
01C8 41 55 53 C5 4E 45 58 D4 AUSENEXT
01D0 50 4F 4B C5 50 52 49 4E POKEPRIN
01D8 D4 50 4C 4F D4 52 55 CE TPLOTRUN
01E0 53 41 56 C5 52 41 4E 44 SAVERAND
01E8 4F 4D 49 5A C5 49 C6 43 OMIZEIFC
01F0 4C D3 44 52 41 D7 43 4C LSDRAWCL
01F8 45 41 D2 52 45 54 55 52 EARRETUR
```

.WORD a ---

Given a CFA, this word prints the ID. It is used by **SEE** to perform some word "decompilation"

.S

Prints the current status of the Calculator Stack.
For example, supposing to start with an empty stack,

0 1 2 3 .S

will print

0 1 2 3 ok

DEPTH

--- n

It leaves the depth of the Calculator Stack before it was executed. For example, supposing to start with an empty stack,

0 1 2 DEPTH .

will print

3 ok

3. Technical specifications

CPU Registers

Registers are used in the in the following way:

AF – Used for normal operations.

BC – **Forth Instruction Pointer**: should be preserved on enter-exit a definition and during ROM/OS calls.

DE – Free (Low part when used for 32-bit manipulations)

HL – **Work Register** (High part when used for 32-bit manipulations)

AF' – Not used, somewhere used for backup purpose

BC' – Used only in I/O operations: available in fast Interrupt via EXX

DE' – Used only in I/O operations: available in fast Interrupt via EXX

HL' – Used only in I/O operations: available in fast Interrupt via EXX (saved at startup from Basic)

SP – Calculator Stack Pointer

IX – Used to point to the Forth “inner-interpreter” (this saves 2 T-States compared to a normal Jump). See (NEXT) word.

IY – Used by ZX System, must be preserved to let keyboard to be served

Much care has been taken to avoid any use of alternate registers (at least with interrupts enabled). This should allow users to create their own fast-response interrupt routine with EXX instead of pushing away all registers.

Single Cell 16 bits Integer Number Encoding

A 16 bits *integer* represents an integer number between –32768 and +32767 inclusive. The sign is kept in the most significant bit. Alternatively, the it represents an *unsigned integer* between 0 and +65535.

16 bit: HL:

H	L
sbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb

In the CPU registers, an *integer* is kept in H and L where H is the most significant part.

In memory, an *integer* is stored in two contiguous bytes in “little-endian” way, that is, the lower address has the least significant part, the in L register. The byte at higher address has the most significant part, the one in H register, as usual for Zilog Z80.

Double cell 32 bits Integer Number Encoding

The second integer format requires two *integers* that form a 32 bits number said *double* or *long* that allows an integer between –2.147.483.648 and +2.147.483.647, and the sign is kept on the most significant bit of the first *integer*.

Imagine a *double integer* kept in CPU register in the in this way:

32 bits:

H	L	D	E
sbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb

using register H, L, D and E, with the most significant part in H, and the least in E.

Then, on Calculator Stack the *double integer* requires four contiguous bytes split in the two *integers* that forms it with the most significant integer (HL) on top of Calculator Stack (i.e. in the lower addresses), and the least significant integer (DE) the second element from top is in the higher address, that is the second element from top. so it appears as L H E D,

CPU	Calculator Stack
D	SP + 3
E	SP + 2
H	SP + 1
L	SP + 0 (Top Of Stack)

More confusingly, in RAM it is kept as E D L H. See how 2VARIABLE is defined to understand this fact.

CPU	2VARIABLE
H	Address + 3
L	Address + 2
D	Address + 1
E	Address + 0

Double Cell Floating-Point Number Encoding

There is another optional format that use 32 bits as a *double integer*, but all bits are used in a different way to allows to represent a *floating point number* approximately between $-1.7 * 10^{38}$ and $+1.7 * 10^{38}$ with 6-7 precision digits. The sign is kept in the most significant bit, the same way as a *double integer*; then eight bits follow as the exponential part, then 23 bits of mantissa. The sign in this position allows (IMO) using most of the same semantics of *double integers* as per the sign of the number.

	H	L	D	E
32 bits f.p.:	s xxx x xxx	x bbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb

Single Cell 16 bits Heap Pointer Address Encoding

There is Spectrum Next's peculiar 16 bits Heap Pointer Address Encoding that leverage on MMU7 i.e. Z80 memory space addresses between 0E000h and 0FFFFh. The three most significant bits represent an 8K-page between 64 and 71, lower bits are taken as offset from 0E000h. A specific definition FAR takes care of converting an heap-pointer address to an E000 offset and paging to MMU7 the correct 8K of physical RAM. Any NextZXOS call and most of I/O operations restore page 1.

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4. Error messages.

Error messages strings are stored at Screens from 4 to 6 that are therefore reserved.

Code	Message
#0	is undefined.
#1	Stack is empty.
#2	Dictionary full.
#3	No such line.
#4	has already been defined.
#5	Invalid stream.
#6	No such block.
#7	Stack is full!
#8	Old dictionary is full.
#9	Tape error.
#10	Wrong array index.
#11	Invalid floating point.
#17	Can't be executed.
#18	Can't be compiled.
#19	Syntax error.
#20	Bad definition end.
#21	is a protected word.
#22	Aren't loading now.
#23	Forget across vocabularies.
#24	RS loading error.
#25	Cannot open stream.
#26	Error at postit time.
#27	Inconsistent fixup.
#28	Unexpected fixup/commaer.
#29	Commaer data error.
#30	Commaer wrong order.
#31	Programming error.
#33	Programming error.
#43	File not found.
#44	NexZXOS doscall error.
#45	NextZXOS pos error.
#46	NextZXOS read error.
#47	NextZXOS write error.

5. The Dictionary

Legenda

In this list:

a	memory address	16 bits
b	byte, small unsigned integer	8 bits
c	character	8 bits, but often only lower 7 are significant.
d	signed double integer	32 bits
fp	floating point number	32 bits
ha	heap-pointer address (see >FAR)	16 bits.
n	signed integer	16 bits
u	unsigned integer	16 bits
ud	unsigned double integer	32 bits
f	flag: a number evaluated as a boolean	16 bits
ff	false flag: zero	16 bits
tf	true flag: non-zero	16 bits
nfa	name field address	16 bits
lfa	link field address	16 bits
cfa	code field address	16 bits
pfa	parameters field address	16 bits
xt	execution token – same as cfa	16 bits
cccc	character string or word name available in the vocabulary	
...	a list of words	
TOS	top of calculator stack	

Core dictionary

'null' --- (immediate)

This is a “ghost” word executed by `INTERPRET` to go back to the caller once the text to be interpreted ends. This word allows you to use a **0x00** (NULL ASCII) as the end-of-text indicator in the input text stream.

! n a ---

stores an integer `n` in the memory cell at address `a` and `a + 1`. Pronounced “store”.

Zilog Z80 microprocessor is a little-endian CPU that holds lower byte at lower address and higher byte in the higher address.

!CSP ---

saves the value of SP register in `CSP` user variable. It is used by `:` and `;` for syntax checking. Also, `CASE` use it for the same purpose.

d1 --- d2

From a double number `d1` it produces the next ASCII character to be put in an output string using `HOLD`. The number `d2` is `d1` divided by `BASE` and is kept for subsequent elaborations. This word is used between `<#` and `#>`. See also `#S`.

#> d --- a b

terminates a numeric conversion started by `<#`. This word removes `d` and leaves the values suitable for `TYPE`.

#BUFF --- n

Constant, the number of available buffers. This build has 3 buffers located at address between `FIRST @` and `LIMIT @`.

#S d1 --- d2

This word is equivalent of a series of `#` that is repeated until `d2` becomes zero. It is used between `<#` and `#>`.

#SEC --- n

This is a constant that gives the number of available Screens/blocks.

' --- cfa

Pronounced “tick”. Used in the form

' cccc

this definitions leaves the **cfa** of word `cccc`, that is its xt or value to be compiled or passed to `EXECUTE`. If the word `cccc` is not found after the `CURRENT` and `CONTEXT` search phases, then an error #0 is raised, that is the message “cccc is undefined”. In a previous version of this Forth, this word returned **pfa**: we changed this previous standard to return **cfa**.

(**---** **(immediate)**

Enclose a comment. Used in the form

(cccc)

ignores what is between brackets. The space after **(** is not considered in **cccc**. The comment must be delimited in the same row with a closing **)** followed by a space or the end of line.

(+LOOP) **n** **---**

This is the primitive definition compiled by **+LOOP**.

(. ") **---**

This is the primitive definition compiled by **. "** and **. (**. It executes **TYPE**.

(;CODE) **---**

This is the primitive definition compiled by **;CODE**. It rewrites the **cfa** of **LATEST** word to make it point to the machine code starting from the following address.

(?DO) **---**

This is the primitive definition compiled by **?DO**.

At compile-time it compiles the **cfa** of **(?DO)** followed by an offset as for **BRANCH** used to jump after the whole **?DO ... LOOP** structure in case the limit equals the initial index, otherwise it is equivalent to **(DO)**.

(?EMIT) **c1** **---** **c2**

Decodes the character **c1** using the following table. It is used internally by **EMIT**.

HEX 06 → print-comma
HEX 07 → bell rings
HEX 08 → back-space
HEX 09 → tabulator
HEX 0D → carriage return
HEX 0A → new line (emitted as a 0D on the fly)

For not listed character, **c2** is equal to **c1**.

(ABORT) **---**

Definition executed in case of error issued by **ERROR** when **WARNING** contains a negative number. This word usually executes **ABORT** but can be patched with some user defined word at the **pfa** of **(ABORT)**.

(COMPARE) **a1 a2 n -- b**

This word performs a lexicographic compare of **n** bytes of text at address **a1** with **n** bytes of text address **a2**. The compare is case-sensitive or case-insensitive based on the last execution of **CASEON** and **CASEOFF**.

When executed, this word returns a numeric value

0 : if strings are equal
 +1 : if string at a1 greater than string at a2
 -1 : if string at a1 less than string at a2

See also CASEON and CASEOFF.

(DO) ---

This is the primitive compiled by DO.

(FIND) a1 a2 --- cfa b tf
--- ff

Searches in the dictionary starting from address a2 a word which text name is kept at address a1; returns a cfa, the first byte b of nfa and a tf on a successful search; elsewhere a ff only.

The search is case-sensitive or case-insensitive based on the last execution of CASEON and CASEOFF.

Address a2 must be the nfa of the first word involved in the search in the vocabulary.

In previous versions of this Forth, it returned a pfa, we change our mind.

Byte b keeps the length of the found word in the least significant 5 bits, bit 6 is the IMMEDIATE flag. Bit 5 is the SMUDGE bit. Bit 7 is always set to mark the beginning or end of the nfa.

See also CASEON and CASEOFF.

(LINE) n1 n2 --- a b

Retrieves line n1 of block n2 and send it to buffer. It returns the address a within the buffer and a counter b that is C/L (=64) meaning a whole line.

(LOOP) ---

This is the primitive compiled by LOOP. See also DO and +LOOP.

(NEXT) --- a

Constant. It is the address of “next” entry point for the **Inner Interpreter**. When creating word using machine code, the last op-code should be an unconditional jump to this address. If the created word wants to return an *integer* value on TOS, it should jump to the previous address; and if it wants to return a *double integer* value, it should jump to the next previous one. For example, to create two definitions that disable and enable interrupts, without an **ASSEMBLER**, you could use the following snippet:

```
CODE    INT-DI    HEX
F3 C,    \ di
C3 C, (NEXT) , \ jp (NEXT)
SMUDGE    \ now a dictionary search will find this word

CODE    INT-EI    HEX
FB C,    \ ei
C3 C, (NEXT) , \ jp (NEXT)
SMUDGE    \ now a dictionary search will find this word
```

This Forth implementation *always* keeps (NEXT) value in **IX register**, so that the previous snippet should be written as:

```
CODE    INT-DI    HEX
```

```

F3 C,      \ di
DD C, E9 C, \ jp (ix)

CODE      INT-EI      HEX
FB C,      \ ei
DD C, E9 C, \ jp (ix)
SMUDGE      \ now a dictionary search will find this word

```

(NUMBER) d a --- d2 a2

Converts the ASCII text at address `a + 1` in a double integer using the current `BASE`. Number `d2` is left on top of stack for any subsequent elaborations, `a2` is the address of the first non-converted character.

In the CPU registers a double integer is kept as HLDE, on the stack is treated as two distinct integers where HL is on TOS and DE is the second from top, so that in memory it appears as LHED. Instead, in a variable declared with 2VARIABLE is stored as EDHL.

Used by NUMBER.

(SGN) a --- a2 f

Determines if the character at address `a` is a sign (+ o -) and if found increments `a`. The flag `f` indicates the sign: `ff` for a positive sign + or no sign at all, `tf` for a negative sign -. If `a` is incremented then variable `DPL` is incremented as well.

Used by `da NUMBER` and `(EXP)` in the floating-point option.

*** n1 n2 --- n3**

Computes the product of two integers.

***/ n1 n2 n3 --- n4**

Compute $(n1 \cdot n2) / n3$ using a double integer for the intermediate value to avoid precision loss.

***/MOD n1 n2 n3 --- n4 n5**

Leaves the quotient `n5` and the remainder `n4` of the operation $(n1 \cdot n2) / n3$ using a double integer for the intermediate to avoid precision loss.

+ n1 n2 --- n3

Leaves the sum of two integer.

+! n a ---

Adds to the cell at address `a` the number `n`. It is the same as the sequence `a @ n + a !`

+~ n1 n2 --- n3

Computes `n3` as `n1` with the sign of `n2`. If `n2` is zero, it means positive.

+BUF **a1** --- **a2** **f**

Advances the address of the buffer from **a1** to **a2**, that is the next buffer. The flag **f** is false if **a2** is the buffer pointed by **PREV**.

+LOOP **n1** --- **(run time)**
 a **n2** --- **(compile time)**

Used in colon definition in the form

DO ... n1 +LOOP

At run-time **+LOOP** checks the return to the corresponding **DO**, **n1** is added to the index and the total compared with the limit. The jump back happens :

- a) while index < limit if **n1** > 0;
- b) while index > limit if **n1** < 0.

Otherwise the execution leaves the loop. On leaving the loop, the parameters are discarded and the execution continues with the following word.

At compile-time **+LOOP** compiles **(+LOOP)** and a jump is calculated from **HERE** to **a** which is the address left on the stack by **DO**. The value **n2** is used internally for syntax checking.

+ORIGIN **n** --- **a**

Returns the address **n** bytes after the "origin". In this build the origin is 6400h. Used rarely to modify the boot-up parameters in the origin area.

, **n** ---

It puts **n** in the following cell of the dictionary and increments **DP** (dictionary pointer) of two locations.

, **"** ---

Calls **WORD** to read characters from the current input stream up to a delimiter **"** and stores such a string at **HERE**. It stores the length of the string as the first byte then ends everything with a NUL character (0x00).

- **n1** **n2** --- **n3**

Computes $n3 = n1 - n2$ as the difference from the penultimate and the last number on the stack.

--> ---

Continues the interpretation in the next Screen during a **LOAD**.

-1 --- **n**

This is the constant value **-1** that in this implementation is 0FFFFh. Compiling a constant result in a faster execution than a literal.

-DUP **n** --- **n** **n (non zero)**
 n --- **n** **(zero)**

Duplicates **n** if it is non zero.

-FIND --- cfa b tf (ok)
--- ff (ko)

Used in the form `-FIND cccc`.

It accepts a word (delimited by spaces) from the current input stream, storing it at address `HERE`. Then, it run a search in the `CONTEXT` vocabulary first, then in the `CURRENT` vocabulary. If the word is found, it leaves the `cfa` of the word, its length-byte `b` and a `tf`. Otherwise only a `ff`.

-TRAILING a1 n1 --- a2 n2

This definition assumes that a string `n1` characters long is already stored at address `a1` containing a space right-delimited word. It determines `n2` as the position of the first delimiter after the word.

. n ---
 Prints the integer `n` followed by a space.

." --- (immediate)

Used in the form

`." cccc "`

At compile-time, within a colon-definition, compiles the primitive to output the text followed by the string `cccc` (delimited by `"`). The text `cccc` is prepended by a length-counter that `TYPE` will use at run-time.

When interpreted, i.e. outside a colon-definition, immediately sends the text to output.

.(--- (immediate)

Used in the form

`.(cccc)`

acting as `." cccc "` but the string is delimited in a different way

.C c --- (immediate)

Used in the form

`c .C xxxx C`

acting as `." xxxx "` but the string is delimited by character `c`. It is a more generic form of `.(` and `."` that, in fact, use this word as their primitive.

.LINE n1 n2 ---

Sends line `n1` of block `n2` to the current peripheral ignoring the trailing spaces.

.R **n1** **n2** **---**

Prints a number **n1** right aligned in a field **n2** character long, with no following spaces. If the number needs more than **n2** characters, the excess protrudes to the right.

/ **n1** **n2** **---** **n3**

Computes $n3 = n1 / n2$, the quotient of the integer division.

/MOD **n1** **n2** **---** **n3** **n4**

Computes the quotient **n4** and the remainder **n3** of the integer division $n1 / n2$. The remainder has the sign of **n1**.

0 **---** **n**

This is a constant value zero. Compiling a constant results in a faster execution than a literal.

0< **n** **---** **f**

Leaves a **tf** if **n** is less than zero, **ff** otherwise.

0= **n** **---** **f**

Leaves a **tf** if **n** is not zero, **ff** otherwise. It is like a NOT **n**.

0> **n** **---** **f**

Leaves a **tf** if **n** is greater than zero, **ff** otherwise.

0BRANCH **f** **---**

Direct procedure that executes a conditional jump. If **f** is zero the offset in the cell following **0BRANCH** is added to the Instruction Pointer to jump forward or backward.
It is compiled by **IF**, **UNTIL** and **WHILE**.

1 **---** **n**

Constant value 1. Compiling a constant results in a faster execution than a literal.

1+ **n1** **---** **n2**

Increments by one the number on TOS.

1- **n1** **---** **n2**

Decrements by one the number on TOS.

2 **---** **n**

Constant value 2. Compiling a constant results in a faster execution than a literal.

Stores the double integer held on TOS to address a.

Doubles the number on TOS.

Increments by two the number on TOS.

Halves the number on TOS.

Fetches the double integer at address a. to TOS.

Defining word that creates a double constant. Used in the form

it creates the word `cccc` and `pfa` holds the number `d`. When `cccc` is later executed it put `d` on TOS. This definition is not available at startup: it has to be loaded from Screen # 30.

Defining word used in the form:

creates the word `cccc` with the pfa containing the initial value `d`. When `cccc` is executed, it puts on TOS the pfa of `cccc` that is the address that holds the value `d`.
When used in the form

the content of the double-variable `cccc` is left on TOS.
When used in the form

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```
2DROP      d      ---
           n1     n2    ---
```

2DUP d --- d d

2OVER		d1	d2	---	d1	d2	d1				
	n1	n2	n3	n4	---	n1	n2	n3	n4	n1	n2

2ROT		d1	d2	d3		---	d2	d3	d1				
	n1	n2	n3	n4	n5	n6	---	n3	n4	n5	n6	n1	n2

2SWAP d1 d2 --- d2 d1

3 --- n

```

:          --- (immediate)

```

```
: cccc . . . ;
```

```

;          --- (immediate)

```

```

;CODE                                --- (immediate)

```

```
: cccc . . . ;CODE
```

terminates a colon definition stoppin copilation of word `cccc` and compiling `(;CODE)`. Usually `;CODE` is followed by suitable machine code sequence..

`;S` **`---`** **`(immediate)`**

This is usually the last word compiled in a colon definition by `;S`; it does the action of returning to the calling word. It is used to force the immediate end of a loading session started by `LOAD`.

`<` **`n1 n2`** **`---`** **`f`**

Leaves a `tf` if `n1` is less than `n2`, `ff` otherwise.

`<#` **`---`**

Sets `HLD` to the value of `PAD`. It is used to format numbers using `#`, `#S`, `SIGN` and `#>`. The conversion is performed using a double integer, and the formatted text is kept in `PAD`.

`<BUILDS` **`---`**

Used in a colon definition in the form

`: cccc ... <BUILDS ... DOES> ... ;`

Subsequent execution of `cccc` in the form

`cccc nnnn`

creates a new word `nnnn` with an high-level procedure that at run-time calls the `DOES>` part of `cccc`. When `nnnn` is executed, the `pfa` of `nnnn` is put on TOS and the executed the following `DOES>`.

`<BUILD` and `DOES>` allow writing high-level procedures instead of using machine code as `;CODE` would require.

`<FAR` **`a n`** **`---`** **`ha`**

Given an address `a` (to be intended as an address between `E000h` and `FFFFh`) and a page number `n` for an 8K-page between 64 and 71 (or `40h – 47h`) this definition encodes a number between 0 and 7 in the three most significant bits of `ha` and a 13-bits offset in the remaining bits. It does not change MMU7 page. See `>FAR`, MMU7 !

`<NAME` **`cfa`** **`---`** **`nfa`**

Converts `a cfa` in its `nfa`. It is the same as the sequence `>BODY NFA`.

See also: `CFA`, `LFA`, `NFA`, `PFA`, `>BODY`.

`=` **`n1 n2`** **`---`** **`f`**

Leaves a `tf` if `n1` equals to `n2`, `ff` otherwise.

`>` **`n1 n2`** **`---`** **`f`**

Leaves a `tf` if `n1` is greater than `n2`, `ff` otherwise.

Converts a `cfa` in its `pfa`.
See also: CFA, LFA, NFA, PFA, <NAME>.

Given a heap-encoded pointer `ha` this definition decodes the top three bits as one of the 8K-page number between 64 and 71 (40h – 47h) and the lower bits as the offset from E000h. It does not change the MMU7 page. See <FAR, MMU7 !

User variable that keeps track of text position within an input buffer. `WORD` uses and modifies the value of `IN` that is incremented when consuming input buffer.

Takes an integer from TOS and puts it on top of the Return Stack. It should be used only within a colon definition and the use of `>R` should be balanced with a corresponding `R>`.

Prints the content of cell at address `a`. It is the same as the sequence: `a @`.

Raises an error message #17 if the current STATE is not compiling state.

Raises an error message #20 if the value of `CSP` is different from the current value of `SP` register. It is used to check the compilation in a colon definition.

Used in a colon definition in the form

It is used as `DO` to put in place a loop structure, but at run-time it first checks if `n1 = n2` and in that case the loop is skipped. At run-time `?DO` starts a sequence of words that will be repeated under control of an initial-index `n2` and a limit `n1`. `?DO` consumes these two value from stack and the corresponding `LOOP` increments the index. If the index is less than the limit, the executions returns to the corresponding `?DO`, otherwise the two parameters are discarded and the execution continues after the `LOOP`.

The limit `n1` and the initial value `n2` are determined during the execution and can be the result of other previous operations. Inside a loop the word `I` copies to TOS the current value of the index.

See also: **I**, **DO**, **LOOP**, **+LOOP**, **LEAVE**. In particular **LEAVE** allows leaving the loop at the first opportunity.

At compile-time `?DO` compiles `(?DO)` followed by an offset like `BRANCH` and leaves the address of the following

```
?DO-      [a1 n1] a  n  ---
```

?DUP	n	---	n	n (non zero)
	n	---	n	(zero)

?ERROR **f** **n** **---**

?EXEC ---

?LOADING ---

?PAIRS n1 n2 ---

?STACK

?TERMINAL --- f

@ a --- n

ABORT ---

ABS n --- u

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ACCEPT a n1 --- n2

Transfers characters from the input terminal to the address `a` for `n1` location or until receiving a 0x13 “CR” character. A 0x00 “null” character is added. It leaves on TOS `n2` as the actual length of the received string. More, `n2` is also copied in `SPAN` user variable. See also `QUERY`.

ACCEPT- a n1 --- n2

As for `ACCEPT`, but it reads at most `n1` characters text from current channel/stream via `INKEY` one character at a time, it stores the text at address `a`. Not so efficient, but it allows to compile an external source-file attached to a Basic's `OPEN#` stream. It does not modify `SPAN`.

```

AGAIN          ---  (immediate)      (run time)
               a  n  ---  (compile time)

```

Used in colon definition in the form

BEGIN . . . AGAIN

At run-time `AGAIN` forces the jump to the corresponding `BEGIN` and has no effect on the calculator stack. The execution cannot leave the loop (at least until a `R>` is executed at a lower level).

At compile-time AGAIN compiles BRANCH with an offset from HERE to a. The number n is used for syntax-check.

ALLOT n ---

This definition is used to reserve some space in the dictionary or to free memory. It adds the signed integer `n` to DP (Dictionary Pointer) user variable.

AND n1 n2 --- n3

It executes an AND binary operation between the two integers. The operation is performed bit by bit.

AUTOEXEC ---

This word is executed the first time the Forth system boots and **loads Screen# 1**. Once called it patches **ABORT** to prevent any further executions at startup.

B/BUF --- n

Constant. Number of bytes per buffer. In this implementation is 512.

B/SCR --- n

Constant that indicates the number of Blocks per Screen. In Next version is 2. In Microdrive version it was 1.

BACK a ---

Computes and compiles a relative offset from `a` to `HERE`. Used by `AGAIN`, `UNTIL`, `LOOP`, `+LOOP`.

BASE --- a

User variable that indicates the current numbering base used in input/output conversions. It is changed by `DECIMAL` that put ten, `HEX` that put sixteen, and with some extensions `BINARY` that put two and `OCTAL` that put eight.

BASIC u ---

Quits Forth and returns to Basic returning to the caller `USR` the unsigned integer on TOS.

BEGIN --- (immediate) (run time)
--- a n (compile time)

Used in colon definition in one of the following forms

```
BEGIN ... AGAIN or
BEGIN ... f UNTIL or
BEGIN ... f WHILE ... REPEAT or
BEGIN ... f END
```

At compile-time, it starts one of these structures.

At run-time `BEGIN` marks the beginning of a words sequence to be repeatedly executed and indicates the jump point for the corresponding `AGAIN`, `REPEAT`, `UNTIL` or `END`.

With `UNTIL`, the jump to the corresponding `BEGIN` happens if on TOS there is a `ff`, otherwise it quits the loop.

With `AGAIN` and `REPEAT`, the jump to the corresponding `BEGIN` always happens.

The `WHILE` part is executed if and only if on TOS there is a `tf`, otherwise it quits the loop.

BL --- c

Constant for "Blank". This implementation uses ASCII and `BL` is 32.

BLANKS a n ---

Fills with "Blanks" `n` location starting from address `a`.

BLK --- a

User variable that indicates the current block to be interpreted. If zero then the input is taken from the terminal buffer `TIB`.

BLK-NXTDRV n1 --- n2

Takes `STRM` to serve to NextZXOS call. See also `DOSCALL`.

BLK-NXTRD a n ---

Variable dedicated to NextZXOS. It calls `DOS_READ` NextZXOS / +3e API.

See also `DOSCALL`.

BLK-NXTSTP n ---

Variable dedicated to NextZXOS. It sets position on blocks-file calling `DOS_SET_POSITION` NextZXOS / +3e API.

See also `DOSCALL`.

BLK-NXTWR **a n ---**

Variable dedicated to NextZXOS. It calls DOS_WRITE +3e API. See also DOSCALL.

BLOCK **n --- a**

Leaves the address of the buffer that contains the block **n**. If the block isn't already there, it is fetched from disk. If in the buffer there was another buffer and it was modified, then it is re-written to disk before reading the block **n**.

See also BUFFER, R/W, UPDATE, FLUSH.

BRANCH **---**

Direct procedure that executes an unconditional jump. The memory cell following **BRANCH** has the offset to be relatively added to the Instruction Pointer to jump forward or backward. It is compiled by **AGAIN, ELSE, REPEAT**.

BUFFER **n --- a**

Makes the next buffer available assigning it the block number **n**. If the buffer was marked as modified (by **UPDATE**), such buffer is re-written to disk. The block is not read from disk. The address point to the first character of the buffer.

BYE **---**

Executes **FLUSH** and **EMPTY-BUFFERS**, then quits Forth and returns to Basic returning to the caller **USR** the value of **0 +ORIGIN**. See also **BASIC**.

C! **b a ---**

Stores a byte **b** to address **a**.

C, **b ---**

Puts a byte **b** in the next location available in the dictionary and increments **DP** (dictionary pointer) by 1.

C/L **--- c**

Constant that indicate the number of characters per screen line. In this implementation it is 32.

C@ **a --- b**

Puts on TOS the byte at address **a**.

CASEOFF **---**

Sets case-sensitive search OFF. changes the system behavior so that (**FIND**) can search the dictionary ignoring case, and (**COMPARE**) compares two strings ignoring case.

CASEON **---**

Sets case-sensitive search ON. It changes the system behavior so that (**FIND**) will search the dictionary case sensitive, and

CELL+ n1 --- n2

CELL- n1 --- n2

CELLS n1 --- n2

CFA pfa --- cfa

CHAR --- C

CHAR c

CLS ---

```
CMOVE    a1    a2    n    ---
```

```
CMOVE>      a1  a2  n      ---
```

CODE ---

CODE cccc

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Here is an example that creates a definition `SYNC-FRAME` to wait for the next maskable interrupt:

```
CODE SYNC-FRAME HEX
    76 C,      \ halt      ; wait for interrupt or reset
    DD C, E9 C, \ jp (ix)   ; jump to the inner interpreter
    SMUDGE
```

COLD ---

This word executes the Cold Start procedure that restore the system at its startup state.
It sets `DP` to the minimum standard and executes `ABORT`.

COMPILE ---

At compile-time, it determines the `cfa` of the word that follows `COMPILE` and compile it in the next dictionary cell.

CONSTANT	n	---	(immediate)	(compile time)
		---	n	(run time)

Defining word that creates a constant. Used in the form

```
n CONSTANT cccc
```

it creates the word `cccc` and `pfa` holds the number `n`. When `cccc` is later executed it put `n` on TOS.

CONTEXT --- a

User variable that points to the vocabulary address where a word search begins.

COUNT a1 --- a2 b

Leaves the address of text `a2` and a length `b`. It expects that the byte at address `a1` to be the length-counter and the text begins to the next location.

CR ---

Transmits a 0x0D to the current output peripheral.

CREATE		---		(compile time)
		---	a	(run time)

Defining word used in the form

```
CREATE cccc
```

it creates a new dictionary entry for the definition `cccc` with the `pfa` still empty.

When `cccc` is executed, it puts on TOS the `pfa` of `cccc`

Often used with `ALLOT` to reserve space in the dictionary to be later used, for instance as an array.

See also `VARIABLE`.

CSP --- a

User variable that temporarily holds the value of SP register during a compilation syntax error check.

CURRENT --- a

User variable that points to the address in the Forth vocabulary where a search continues after a failing search executed in the `CONTEXT` vocabulary. See also `LATEST`.

D+ d1 d2 --- d3

Computes `d3` as the sum of `d1` and `d2`. This is a 32 bits sum.

D+- ud n --- d

Computes `d` that is `ud` with the sign of `n`.

D. d ---
n-lo n-hi ---

Prints a double integer followed by a space. The double integer is kept on stack in the format `n-lo n-hi` and the integer on TOS is the most significant.

D.R d n ---

Prints a double integer right aligned in a field `n` character wide. No space follows. If the field is not large enough, then the excess protrudes to the right.

DABS d --- ud

Leaves the absolute value of a double integer.

DECIMAL ---

Sets `BASE` to 10, that is the decimal base.

DEFINITIONS ---

To be used in the form

cccc DEFINITIONS

it sets the `CURRENT` vocabulary to be the `CONTEXT` vocabulary and this allows adding new definitions to `cccc` vocabulary.

For example: `FORTH DEFINITIONS` or `ASSEMBLER DEFINITIONS`.

In this implementation a Forth oriented `ASSEMBLER` vocabulary is available as an extra-option that can be `LOADed` from Screens 100 -160.

DEVICE --- a

Variable that holds the number of current channel: 2 for video, 3 for printer, and any number between 4 and 15 to refer to an Basic `OPEN#` channel.

Converts the ASCII character `c` in the equivalent number using the base `n`, followed by a `tf`. If the conversion fails it leaves a `ff` only.

User variable that keeps the data-stream number used in a `LOAD` from stream using a negative screen number.

Same as `LITERAL` but a 32 bits number is compiled. `DLITERAL` is an immediate word that is executed and not compiled.

Computes the opposite double number.

Used in colon definition in the form

It is used to put in place a loop structure: The execution of `DO` starts a sequence of words that will be repeated, under control of an initial-index `n2` and a limit `n1`. `DO` drops these two value from stack and the corresponding `LOOP` increments the index. If the index is less than the limit, the executions returns to the corresponding `DO`, otherwise the two parameters are discarded and the execution continues after the `LOOP`.

The limit `n1` and the initial value `n2` are determined during the execution and can be the result of other previous operations. Inside a loop the word `I` copies to TOS the current value of the index.

See also: `I`, `DO`, `LOOP`, `+LOOP`, `LEAVE`. In particular `LEAVE` allows leaving the loop at the first opportunity.

At compile-time `DO` compiles `(DO)` and leaves the address of the following location and the number `n` to syntax-check.

Word that defines the execution action of a high-level defining word. DOES> changes the pfa of the word being defined to point the words sequence compiled after DOES>. It is used in conjunction with <BUILDS. When the machine-code part of DOES> is executed, it leaves on TOS the pfa of the new word, this allows the interpreter to use this area. Obvious uses are new vocabularies (Assembler), multidimensional array and other compiling operations.

User variable (Dictionary Pointer) that holds the address of next available memory location in the dictionary. It is read by `HERE` and modified by `ALLOC`.

DPL --- a

User variable that holds the number of digits after the decimal point during the interpretation of double integer. It can be used to keep track of the column of the decimal point during a number format output. For 16 bit integer it defaults to -1. It takes into account the exponential part and its sign for floating point numbers.

DROP n ---

Drops the value on TOS. See also OVER, NIP, TUCK, SWAP, DUP, ROT.

DUP n --- n n

Duplicates the value on TOS. See also OVER, DROP, NIP, TUCK, SWAP, ROT.

ELSE a1 n1 --- a2 n2 (immediate) (compile time)
--- (run time)

Used in colon definition in the form

```
IF ... ELSE ... ENDIF
IF ... ELSE ... THEN
```

At run-time **ELSE** forces the execution of the false part of an IF-ELSE-ENDIF structure. It has no effects on the stack.

At compile-time **ELSE** compiles **BRANCH** and prepares the following cell for the relative offset, stores at **a1** the previous offset from **HERE**; then it leaves **a2** and **n2** for syntax checking.

EMIT c ---

Sends a printable ASCII character to the current output peripheral. **OUT** is incremented. 7 **EMIT** activates an acoustic signal. The 'null' 0x00 ASCII character is not transmitted.

EMITC b ---

Sends a byte **b** character to the current output peripheral selected with **SELECT**. See also **DEVICE**.

EMPTY-BUFFERS ---

Erases all buffers. Any data stored to buffers after the previous **FLUSH** is lost.

ENCLOSE a c --- a n1 n2 n3

Starting from address **a**, and using a delimiter character **c**, it determines the offset **n1** of the first non-delimiter character, **n2** of the first delimiter after the text, **n3** of first character non enclosed.

This word doesn't go beyond a 'null' ASCII that represent a unconditional delimiter. For example:

1:	c	c	x	x	x	c	x	→	2	5	6
2:	c	c	x	x	x	'null'		→	2	5	5
3:	c	c	'null'					→	2	3	2

Synonym of UNTIL.

At compile-time `ENDIF` calculates the forward jump offset from `a` to `HERE` and store it at `a`. The number `n` is used for syntax checking.

Erases `n` memory location starting from `a`, filling them with 0x00 'null' characters.

In all cases, the final action is `QUIT`.

Executes the word which `cfa` is held on TOS.

User variable that holds the exponent in a floating-point conversion.

Transfers characters from the input terminal to the address `a` for `n` location or until receiving a 0x13 "CR" character. A 0x00 "null" character is added in the following location. The actual length of the received string is kept in `SPAN` user variable. See also `ACCEPT`.

User variable that holds the (minimum) address to where `FORGET` can act.

FILL **a n b ---**

Fills `n` memory location starting from address `a` with the value of `b`.

FIRST **--- a**

User variable that holds the address of the first buffer. See also `LIMIT`.

FLD **--- a**

User variable that holds the width of output field.

FLUSH **---**

Executes `SAVE-BUFFERS`. It saves to disk the buffers marked “modified” by `UPDATE`.

FORGET **---**

Used in the form

`FORGET cccc`

removes from the dictionary the word `cccc` and all the preceding definitions. Care must be put when more than one vocabulary is involved. See `MARKER`.

FORTH **--- (immediate)**

This is the name of the first vocabulary. Executing `FORTH` sets this to be the `CONTEXT` vocabulary. As soon as no new vocabulary is defined, all new colon definitions became part of `FORTH` vocabulary. `FORTH` is immediate, so it is executed during the creation of a colon definition to select the needed vocabulary. See also `ASSEMBLER` (optional vocabulary).

F_CLOSE **n --- f**

NextZXOS option: it closes a file handle `n` previously opened with `F_OPEN`. Flag `f` is 0 for OK. It uses an RST 8 call followed by \$9B service number.

F_GETLINE **a fh --- a n**

Given a filehandle read next line (terminated with \$0D or \$0A. Address `a` is left for subsequent process and `n` as the number of byte read, i.e. the length of line just read.

F_FGETPOS **n --- d f**

NextZXOS option: given an open file handle `n` returns the position `d`. Flag `f` is 0 for OK.

F_INCLUDE **n ---**

Given a file-handle `n`, it includes the source from file

F_OPEN **a1 a2 n1 --- n2 f**

NextZXOS option: it opens a file using filespec given at address **a1** and returns filehandle number **n**, **n1** is “mode” as specified in “NextZXOS and esxDOS APIs” standard documentation. Filespec is a NUL-terminated string. Flag **f** is 0 for OK. It uses an RST 8 call followed by \$9A service number. See **F_CLOSE**.

F_READ **a n1 n2 --- n3 f**

NextZXOS option: it reads at most **n1** bytes from file handle **n2** and stores them at address **a**. Returns **n3** as the actual bytes read. Flag **f** is 0 for OK. It uses RST 8 call followed by \$9D service number.

F_SEEK **d n ---**

NextZXOS option: it seeks position **d** at open file given by filehandle **n**. It uses an RST 8 call followed by \$9F service number. Flag **f** is 0 for OK.

F_SYNC **n --- f**

NextZXOS option: it syncs to disk open file given by filehandle **n**. It uses an RST 8 call followed by \$9C service number. Flag **f** is 0 for OK.

F_WRITE **a n1 n2 --- n3 f**

NextZXOS option: it takes **n1** bytes at address **a** and writes them to filehandle **n2**. It uses an RST 8 call followed by \$9F service number. Returns **n3** as the actual bytes written. Flag **f** is 0 for OK.

HERE **--- a**

Leaves the address of next location available on the dictionary.

HEX **--- a**

Changes the base to hexadecimal, setting **BASE** to 16.

HLD **--- a**

User variable that holds the address of last character used in a numeric conversion output.

HOLD **c ---**

Used between <# and #> to put a ASCII character during a numeric format.

I **--- n**

Used between **DO** and **LOOP** (or **DO** and **+LOOP**, **?DO** and **LOOP**, **?DO** and **+LOOP**) to put on TOS the current value of the loop index.

ID. **nfa ---**

It prints the definition name whose **nfa** is on TOS.

Used in colon definition in the form

The integer `n` is used for syntax checking.

The user can force the compilation of an immediate definition prepending a `[COMPILE]` to it.

It is used in in the form:

See also **LOAD**

Prints the first line of all screens between `n1` and `n2`. Useful to quick check the content of a series of screens.

Reads the next character available from current stream and previously selected with `SELECT` leaving it on TOS. It is the opposite of `EMITC`.

After execution of the word found, the control is given back to the caller procedure.

INVV ---

“Inverse video”. It enables Inverse-Video attribute mode. See also TRUV.

KEY --- b

Shows a (flashing) cursor on current video position and waits for a keypress. It leaves the ASCII code *b* of the character read from keyboard without printing it to video. In this implementation some SYMBOL-SHIFT key combinations are decoded as follow:

E2	STOP	→	7E	~
C3	NOT	→	7C	
CD	STEP	→	5C	\
CC	TO	→	7B	{
CB	THEN	→	7D	}
C6	AND	→	5B	[
C5	OR	→	5D]
AC	AT	→	7F	©
C7	<=	→	20	space
C8	>=	→	20	space
C9	<>	→	06	as CAPS-SHIFT + 2 and toggles CAPS-SHIFT On and Off,

L/SCR --- n

Constant that indicates the number of lines per Screen. In this implementation is 16.

LATEST --- nfa

Leaves the *nfa* of the latest word defined in CURRENT vocabulary.

LEAVE ---

Forces the conclusion of a DO . . . LOOP setting the limit at the current index *l*, inducing an exit at the first occasion. The index remains unaltered and the execution continues normally up to the following LOOP or +LOOP.

LFA **pfa** --- lfa

Converts a *pfa* in its *lfa*. See also CFA, NFA, PFA, >BODY, <NAME.

LIMIT --- a

User variable that points to the first location above the last buffer. Normally it is the top of RAM, but not always. In this implementation, it can be set at E000h to allow MMU7 as a general purpose 8K RAM bank. See also: FIRST.

LIST **n** ---

Prints screen number *n*. Sets SCR to *n*.

LIT --- n

Puts on TOS the value hold in the following location. It is automatically compiled a before each literal number.

LITERAL	n	---	n	(immediate)	(run time)
	n	---			(compile time)

Compile-time, **LITERAL** compiles **LIT** followed by the value **n** in the following cell. This is an immediate word and, a colon definition, it will be executed.

It is used in the form

```
: cccc ... [ calculations ] LITERAL ... ;
```

the compilation is suspended during the calculations and, when compilation resumes, **LITERAL** compiles the value put on TOS during the previous calculations.

LOAD	n	---
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Start interpretation of Screen **n**. The loading phase ends at the end of the screen or at the first occurrence of **;S**.

If **n** is negative, instead of loading from Screen# **n**, it loads text directly from stream **n** as previously **OPEN#** from Basic.

See also **-->**

LOAD+	n	---
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Start interpretation of screen **n**. The loading phase ends at the end of the screen or at the first occurrence of **;S**.

See also **-->** and **LOAD**.

LOAD-	n	---
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Start interpretation of text read directly from stream **n** as from Basic's **OPEN# n**. It uses **ACCEPT-**.

See also **-->** and **LOAD**.

LOOP	a	n	---	(immediate)	(run time)
	n	---			(compile time)

Used in colon definition in the form

```
DO ... LOOP
?DO ... LOOP
```

At run-time **LOOP** checks the jump to the corresponding **DO**. The index is incremented and the total compared with the limit; the jump back happens while the index is less than the limit. Otherwise the execution leaves the loop. On loop leaving, the parameters are discarded and the execution continues with the following word.

At compile-time **LOOP** compiles **(LOOP)** and the jump is calculated from **HERE** to **a** which is the address left by **DO** on the stack. The value **n2** is used internally for syntax checking.

LP	---	a
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User variable for printer purposed. Not used.

LSHIFT	n1	u	---	n2
---------------	-----------	----------	------------	-----------

Shifts left an integer **n1** by **u** bit.

M* **n1 n2 --- d**

Mixed operation. It leaves the product of *n1* and *n2* as a double integer.

M/ **d n1 --- n2 n3**

Mixed operation. It leaves the remainder *n2* and the quotient *n3* of the integer division of a double integer *d* by the divisor *n1*. The sign of the remainder is the same as *d*.

M/MOD **ud1 u1 --- u2 ud3**

Mixed operation. Leaves the remainder *u2* and the quotient *ud3* of the unsigned integer division of a double integer *d* by the divisor *n1*.

MARK **a n ---**

TYPE in inverse video.

MARKER **--- (immediate) (run time)**

Used outside a colon definition in the form

MARKER cccc

this creates a new definition *cccc* that once executed restores the dictionary to the status before *cccc* was created. This removes *cccc* and all subsequent definitions. This word allows forgetting across vocabularies since it keeps track of VOC-LINK, CURRENT, CONTEXT values.

MAX **n1 n2 --- n3**

Leaves the maximum between *n1* and *n2*.

MESSAGE **n ---**

Prints to the current device the error message identified by *n*. If WARNING is zero, a short MSG#*n* is printed. If WARNING is non zero 1, line *n* of screen 4 (of drive 0) is displayed. Such a number can be positive or negative and lay beyond block 4. See also ERROR.

MIN **n1 n2 --- n3**

Leaves the minimum between *n1* and *n2*.

MINUS **n1 --- n2**

Changes the sign of *n1*

MMU7 ! **n ---**

This word accepts *n* between 0 and 223 and map the corresponding 8K-page at E000-FFFh addresses. It is coded in Assembler and uses NEXTREG A,*n* Next's peculiar op-code (ED 92). See MMU7@.

MMU7@ --- n

This word returns a number n between 0 and 223 by asking the hardware which 8K-page is currently fitted in MMU7. See MMU7!

MOD n1 n2 --- n3

Divides n1 by n2 and leaves the remainder n3. The sign is the same as n1.

M_P3DOS n1 n2 n3 n4 a --- n4 n5 n6 n7 f

This is the NZXOS call wrapper. Parameters passed on stack are used as follow:

- n1 = input parameter value for **hl** registers pair
- n2 = input parameter value for **de** registers pair
- n3 = input parameter value for **bc** registers pair
- n4 = **a** register input parameter value
- a = service routine address
- n5 = **hl** returned value
- n6 = **de** returned value
- n7 = **bc** returned value
- n8 = **a** register
- f = 0 for OK, non zero for KO.

This word calls uses RST 08 followed by \$94 to call the specified routine.

Value returned on register IX is also stored at HEX 2A +ORIGIN before IX is restored to its fixed value.

NFA pfa --- nfa

Converts a word's pfa into its nfa. See also CFA, LFA, PFA, >BODY, <NAME.

NIP n1 n2 --- n2

Removes the second element from TOS. See also: OVER, DROP, TUCK, SWAP, DUP, ROT.

NMODE --- a

User variable that indicates how double numbers are interpreted. During the input, numbers can be read as double integer numbers or floating-point numbers. This variable is modified by the optional words **INTEGER** that sets it to 0 and **FLOATING** that sets it to 1.

NOOP ---

This token does nothing. Useful as a placeholder or to prevent crashes in **INTERPRET**.

NUMBER a --- d
a --- fp (compile time)

Converts a counted string at address a with a in a double number. If **NMODE** is 0, the string is converted to double integer.

Position of the last decimal point encountered is kept in **DPL**.

If **NMODE** is 1, a floating-point number conversion is tried.

If no conversion can be done, and error #0 is raised.

OFFSET

--- a

User variable that states the beginning of “blocks area”. The content of `OFFSET` is added by `BLOCK` to the number on TOS to determine the right offset to read from file open to “!Blocks.bin”. Messages issued by `MESSAGE` are independent from `OFFSET`.

OR

n1 n2 --- n3

Executes an OR binary operation between the two integers. The operation is performed bit by bit.

OUT

--- a

User variable incremented by `EMIT`. The user can examine and alter `OUT` to control the video formatting.

OVER

n1 n2 --- n1 n2 n1

Copies the second number from TOS and put it on the top. See also `DROP`, `NIP`, `TUCK`, `SWAP`, `DUP`, `ROT`.

P!

u b ---

Sends to port `u` a byte `b`. Note: `u` is a 16 bit port address and an `OUT (C)` op-code is internally executed.

P@

n --- b

Accepts the byte `b` from port `u`. Note: `u` is a 16 bit port address and an `IN(C)` op-code is internally executed.

PAD

Leaves on TOS the address of text output buffer. It is at a fixed distance of 68 byte over `HERE`.

PFA

nfa --- pfa

Converts a word's `nfa` to its `pfa`. See also `CFA`, `LFA`, `NFA`, `>BODY`, `<NAME`.

PICK

n --- pfa

Picks the **n-th** element from TOS. This means:

- 0 `PICK` is the same as `DUP`
- 1 `PICK` is the same as `OVER`

PLACE

--- a

User variable that holds the number of places after the decimal point to be shown during a numeric output conversion. See also `PLACES`.

PREV

--- a

User variable that points to the last referred buffer. `UPDATE` marks that buffer so that it is later written to disk.

QUERY

Awaits from terminal up to 80 characters or until a CR is received. The text is stored in TIB. User variable IN is set to zero.

QUIT

Clears the Return-Stack, stops any compilations and return the control to the operator terminal. No message is issued.

R

--- n

Copies to TOS the value on top of Return Stack without alter it.

R#

--- a

User variable that holds the position of the editing cursor or other function relative to files.

R/W

a n f ---

Standard FIG-FORTH read-write facility. Address a specifies the buffer used as source or destination; n is the sequential number of the block; f is a flag, 0 to Write, 1 to Read. R/W determines the location on mass storage, performs the transfer and error checking.

R0

--- a

User variable that holds the initial value of the Return Stack Pointer. See also RP! and RP@.

R>

--- n

Removes the top value from Return Stack and put it on TOS. See also >R, R and RP!.

RECURSE

Used only at compile-time inside a colon-definitions, it compiles the definition being created to put in place a recursion call.

REG!

b n ---

Writes value b to Next REGISTER n.

REG@

n --- b

Reads Next REGISTER n giving byte b.

RENAME

Used in the form:

RENAME cccc xxxx

it searches the word `cccc` in the `CONTEXT` vocabulary and changes its name to `xxxx`. The two word names `cccc` and `xxxx` must have the same length. This definition is available in Screen # 29.

```
REPEAT      a1 n1 a2 n2      --- (immediate)      (compile time)
                                     --- (run time)
```

Used in colon definition in the form:

BEGIN ... WHILE ... REPEAT

At run-time REPEAT does an unconditional jump to the corresponding BEGIN.

At compile-time `REPEAT` compiles `BRANCH` and the offset from `HERE` to `a1` and resolves the offset from `a1` to the location after the loop; `n1` and `n1` are used for syntax check.

ROT n1 n2 n3 --- n2 n3 n1

Rotates the three top integers, taking the third and putting it on top. The other two integers are pushed down from top by one place. See also `OVER`, `DROP`, `NIP`, `TUCK`, `SWAP`, `DUP`.

RP! a ---

System procedure to initialize the Return Stack Pointer to the value passed on TOS that should be the address held in `R0` user variable.

RP@ --- a

Leaves the current value of Return Stack Pointer.

RSHIFT n1 u --- n2

Shifts right an integer `n1` by `u` bit.

S → D n --- d

Converts a 16 bit integer into a 32 bit double integer, sign is preserved.

S0 --- a

User variable that holds the initial value of the SP register. See also: `SP!` and `SP@`.

SCR --- a

User variable that hold the number of the last screen retrieved with LIST.

```
SELECT      n      ---
```

Selects the current channel. As usual for ZX Spectrum, **n** is 0 and 1 for lower part of screen, 2 for the upper part, 3 for printer, 4 for “!Blocks.bin” stream. Note: **KEY** always select chanle 2 to display the (flashing) cursor.

SIGN **n d** **---** **n**

If **n** is negative, it puts an ASCII “-” at the beginning of the numeric string converted in the text buffer. Then, **n** is discarded while **d** is kept. Used between **<#** and **#>**.

SMUDGE **---**

Used by the creation word **:** during the definition of a new word; it toggles the smudge-bit of the first byte in the nfa of the **LATEST** defined word. When a word’s smudge-bit is set, it prevents the compiler to find it. This is typical for uncomplete or not correctly defined words.

It is also used to remove malformed incomplete words via

SMUDGE FORGET cccc

SP! **a** **---**

System procedure to initialize the SP register to the address **a** that should be the address hold in **S0** user variable.

SP@ **---** **a**

Returns the content of SP register before **SP@** was executed.

SPACE **---**

Emits a space to the current output peripheal, usually the video. See also **SELECT**.

SPACES **n** **---**

Emits **n** spaces.

SPAN **---** **a**

User variable that holds the number of characters got from the last **EXPECT**.

SPLASH **---** **a**

Shows splash screen build date-number.

STATE **---** **a**

User variable that holds the compiler status. A non-zero value indicates a compilation in progress.

STRM **---** **a**

Variable containing the stream number used by the Screens/Blocks facility. Used by NextZXOS calls.

See also **NXTDRV**, **NXTSTP**, **NXTRD**, **NXTWR**.

SWAP **n1 n2** **---** **n2 n1**

Swaps the two top element at the TOS. See also **OVER**, **DROP**, **NIP**, **TUCK**, **DUP**, **ROT**.

Synonym of `ENDIF`.

TO cccc

UM* **u1 u2 --- ud**

Unsigned product of the two integers **u1** and **u2**. The result is a double integer.

UM/MOD **ud u1 --- u2 u3**

Leaves the quotient **u3** and the remainder **u2** of the integer division of **ud** / **u1**.

UNTIL **a n --- (immediate) (compile time)**
 f --- (run time)

Used in colon definition in the forms

BEGIN ... UNTIL

At run-time **UNTIL** controls a conditional jump to the corresponding **BEGIN** when **f** is false; the exit from the loop happens if **f** is true.

At compile-time **UNTIL** compiles **0BRANCH** and an offset from **HERE** to **a**; **n** is used for syntax checking.

UPDATE **---**

Marks as modified the most recent used buffer, the one pointed by **PREV**. The block contained in the buffer will be transferred to disk when that buffer is requested for another block.

UPPER **c1 --- c2**

This word converts a character to upper-case. If **c1** is not between "a" and "z", then **c1** is left unchanged.

USE **--- a**

User variable that holds the buffer address of the block to be read from disk or that has just been written to.

USER **n ---**

Defining word used in the form

n USER cccc

creates an user variable 'cccc'. The first byte of pfa of cccc is a fixed offset for the User Pointer, that is the pointer for the user area. In this implementation there is only one User Area and a fixed User Pointer.

When cccc is later executed, it put on TOS the sum of offset and User Pointer, sum to be used as the address for that specific user variable. The user variable are: TIB, WIDTH, WARNING, FENCE, DP, VOC-LINK, FIRST, LIMIT, EXP, NMODE, BLK, IN, OUT, SCR, OFFSET, CONTEXT, CURRENT, STATE, BASE, DPL, FLD, CSP, R#, HLD, USE, PREV, LP, PLACE, DL.

VALUE **n ---**

Defining word used in the form:

n VALUE cccc

Creates the word `cccc` that acts as a variable. To store a value in such a variable you have to use `TO`.
When `cccc` is later executed it directly returns the value of the variable without the need to access its address using `@`.

VARIABLE `n` `---`

Defining word used in the form:

`n VARIABLE cccc`

creates the word `cccc` with the pfa containing the initial value `n`. When `cccc` is executed, it puts on TOS the pfa of `cccc` that is the address that holds the value `n`.

When used in the form

`cccc @`

the content of the variable `cccc` is left on TOS.

When used in the form

`n cccc !`

the value on TOS is stored to the variable `cccc`.

VIDEO `---`

Sets `DEVICE 2` to select the video as current output peripheral. See `SELECT` and `DEVICE`.

VOC-LINK `---` `a`

User variable that holds the address of a field in the definition of the last vocabulary. Each vocabulary is part of a linked-list that uses that field, in each vocabulary definition, as pointer-chain.

VOCABULARY `---`

Defining word used in the form

`VOCABULARY cccc`

creates the word `cccc` that gives the name of a new vocabulary.

Later execution of

`cccc`

makes such vocabulary the `CONTEXT` vocabulary, so that it is possible to search for words defined in this vocabulary first and execute them.

Used in the form

`cccc DEFINITIONS`

makes such vocabulary the `CURRENT` vocabulary, so that it is possible to insert new definitions in it.

WARM

Executes a warm system restart. It closes and reopen Block/Screen file then does ABORT.
It does not EMPTY-BUFFERS.

WARNING

--- a

User variable that determines the way an error message is reported. If zero, only a short "MSG#n" is reported. If non zero, a long message is reported. See also ERROR.

WHILE

f --- (immediate) (run time)
a n --- a1 n1 a2 n2 (compile time)

Used in colon definition in the form:

BEGIN ... WHILE ... REPEAT

At run-time WHILE does a conditional execution based on f. If f is true, the execution continues to a REPEAT which will jump to the corresponding BEGIN. If f is false, the execution continues after the REPEAT quitting the loop.

At compile-time WHILE compiles OBRANCH leaving a2 for the offset; a2 will be consumed by a REPEAT. The address a1 and the number n1 was left by a BEGIN.

WIDTH

--- a

User variable that indicates the maximum number of significant characters of the words during compilation of a definition. It must be between 1 and 31.

WORD

c --- a

Reads one or more characters from the current input stream up to a delimiter c and stores such string at HERE that is left on TOS. WORD leaves at HERE the length of the string as the first byte and ends everything with at least two spaces.

Further occurrences of c will be ignored.

If BLK is zero, the text is taken from the terminal input buffer TIB. Otherwise the text is taken from the disk block held in BLK. User variable >IN is added with the number of character read, the number ENCLOSE returns.

WORDS

Shows a list of words of CONTEXT vocabulary. Pressing Break stops.

XOR

n1 n2 --- n3

Executes a XOR binary operation between the two integers. The operation is performed bit by bit.

[

--- (immediate)

Used in colon definition in the form:

: cccc [...] ... ;

it suspends compilation. The words that follows [will be executed instead of being compiled. This allows to perform some calculations or start other compilers before resuming the original compilation with]. See also LITERAL.

[CHAR] --- (immediate) (compile time)

It is the same as the sequence [CHAR c] LITERAL.

It is used in colon definition in the form:

```
: cccc ... [CHAR] c ... ;
```

At compile time, [CHAR] compiles LIT and the numeric value of ASCII character c in the following cell.

[COMPILE] --- (immediate)

Used in colon definition in the form:

```
: cccc ... [COMPILE] wwwwww ... ;
```

[COMPILE] forces the compilation of a definition wwwwww that is immediate. Normally immediate words aren't compiled but executed and to compile an immediate word it is not possible to use the sequence COMPILE wwwwww but it is necessary using the sequence [COMPILE] wwwwww.

**** ---

Used in the from:

```
\ ...
```

Any character that follow \ until the end of line are treated as a comment.

] ---

Resumes the compilation suspended by [so it is possible to complete the definition.

Line Editor

The following definitions are available after you give 90 LOAD.

Line Editor is formed by a dozen words that can operate on a single line of a given Screen and helps inspect things around.

An edit session normally starts with a LIST on the desired Screen, this sets SCR user variable to the passed Screen number. LIST is a word already available in the “core” dictionary. To clear a Screen I foreseen a BCLEAR word, but I left it commented in Screen# 13 for now, deeming it too dangerous for my tastes; instead I usually use BCOPY from an actually empty Screen.

The word FLUSH flushes to disk any modification you’ve done on any Screen. Beware, a Screen is re-written to disk as soon as the BUFFERS containing it are modified. To save space, this implementation has only three BUFFERS.

EMPTY-BUFFERS is another vital word: it empties all buffers. It is very useful if you mistakenly overwrite or spoil a Screen during an edit operation, with it, you have the chance to “rollback” the things before the anything is written to disk.

To write a line from scratch or to overwrite line, you can use P to “put” the following text to the given line on current screen. For example:

```
1000 LIST
0 P \ One thousand screens
L
```

This sequence selects Screen#1000 and put a text “One thousand screens” on the first line of it. The word L repeat the LIST of current screen.

To move or copy a line around, you can use H to “hold in PAD” a given line on current screen, you can change Screen if you wish, then you can complete this **copy-and-paste** operation with INS to “insert” or RE to “replace” the line you copied in advance with H. None of above words, but H, modify PAD content, so you can repeat the operation. There is also a way to **cut-and-paste** a line using D to “delete and copy to PAD” instead of H.

See also BLOCK, INDEX, L/ SCR, LIST, LOAD, MESSAGE, PAD, SCR, STRM., TIB.

This is a quick reference of involved memory areas and words that work on them.

Text Input Buffer (keyboard)	Parsing Operation		Edit Operations	One	Blanking Operations
TIB		PAD		BLOCK	
	TEXT →		← H RE →		← E
			← D INS →		← S
			P →		

-MOVE a n ---

“Line move”. It moves a line, C/L bytes length, from address a to the line n of current screen, then it does an UPDATE. Current screen is the one kept by SCR.

. PAD ---

“Show PAD”. It prints the current PAD content.

B ---

"Back" one Screen. This word set to previous Screen by decreasing SCR and prints it using LIST.

D n ---

“Delete” a row. It deletes line `n` of current screen (the one indicated by `SCR`), the following lines are moved up and the last one will be blanked. `D` executes `H` so that it can be followed by an `INS` to perform a line move.

BCOPY	n1	n2	---
-------	----	----	-----

“Block-Copy” utility that copies Screen n_1 to Screen n_2 . SCR will contain n_2 .

E n ---

“Erase” a row. This word fills line `n` with spaces. It does `UPDATE`.

H n ---

“Hold” a row in PAD. This word put line n of current Screen to PAD without altering the block on disk. Current Screen is the one kept in SCR.

INS n ---

“Insert” from PAD. This word inserts line n using text in PAD. The original line n and the following ones are moved down and the last is lost.

"List" current Screen. This word does SCR @ LIST.

LINE	n	---	a
------	---	-----	---

Leaves the address `a` of line `n` of current screen, the one kept in `SCR`. Such a screen is currently held in a buffer.

N — — —

“Next” Screen. This word sets to next Screen by increasing SCR and prints it using LIST.

P **n** **---**

“Put” a line. This word accepts the following text (delimited by a tilde character ~) as the text of line *n* of current Screen. Text is taken from TIB and sent to the current Screen

RE n ---

"Replace". This word takes text currently in PAD and put it to line n.

S n ---

"Space" one row. This word frees line `n` moving the following lines down by one. The last line is lost

SAVE ---

Does UPDATE and FLUSH saving this Screen and all previously modified Screens back to disk.

ROOM ---

This word shows the room available in the dictionary, that is the difference between SP@ and PAD addresses.

TEXT **C** **---**

This word accepts the following text and stores it to `PAD`. `c` is a text delimiter. `TEXT` does not go beyond a 0x00 [null] ASCII.

UNUSED --- n

It returns the number of byte available in dictionary.

WHERE n1 n2 ---

Usually executed after an error has been reported during a `LOAD` session. Maybe, this word should be included in “core” dictionary. `n1` is the value of `IN` and `n2` the value of `BLK` as were left by `ERROR`.

WHERE shows on screen the block number, the line number, the very same line highlighting in “inverse video” the word that caused the error.

Case -Of structure

The following definitions are available after you give 17 LOAD.

CASE	n0	---	(immediate)	(run time)
		---	a n	(compile time)

Used in colon definition in the form

```
n0 CASE
  n1 OF ... ENDOF
  ...
  nz OF ... ENDOF
  ... ( else )
ENDCASE
```

The word CASE marks the beginning of Case-Of structure i.e. a set of branches where only one is performed based on the value of n0. If none of the "OF clause" values matches, the ELSE part is performed.

At compile time CASE leaves previous CSP address a and a number n for syntax checking.

CASE has to be balanced by a corresponding ENDCASE.

OF	n0 nk	---	(immediate)	(run time)
	n1	---	a n2	(compile time)

This word is used in colon-definition within a Case-Of structure.

At run-time it compares the value now on TOS nk with the value n0 that was on TOS just before the beginning of the Case-Of structure.

At compile-time, it compiles (OF) and 0BRANCH using n1 and n2 for syntax checking and leaving a to be used by ENDCASE to resolve 0BRANCH.

See also CASE.

ENDOF		---	(immediate)	(run time)
	a1 n1	---	a n2	(compile time)

This word ends an "Of-EndOf" clause started with OF.

At compile-time it acts like a THEN, first compiling a BRANCH that will be resolved by ENDCASE to skip any subsequent "Of-End-Of" clauses and resolving the 0BRANCH compiled by the corresponding previous OF to continue the Case-Of structure.

See also CASE.

ENDCASE		---	(immediate)	(run time)
	a a1 ... az	---		(compile time)

This word ends a Case-Of structure started with CASE.

At compile-time it compiles a DROP to discard the value n0 put on TOS before CASE and resolves all OF-ENDOF clauses to jump after the ENDCASE. Finally, it restores previous content of CSP.

See also CASE.

(OF)	n0 nk	---	(run time)
-------------	--------------	------------	-------------------

This word represents the run-time semantic compiled by OF word. At run-time, it compares the value now on TOS nk

with the value `n0` that was on TOS just before the beginning of the Case-Of structure and leave a flag to be used by the following OBRANCH (that was compiled by OF). When `n0` equals `nk`, the definitions between OF and ENDOF will be executed, otherwise a jump to the word after ENDOF is performed.

Heap memory Facility

The definitions that handle the Heap are available after loading via 80 LOAD.

All coding explained below was performed using a “genuine” ZX Spectrum Next or within CSpect emulator in a real 80’s fashion: no cross-assembler nor external tools, just Forth environment itself.

How v-Forth fits Heap pages at \$E000 via MMU7

Among ZX Spectrum Next new features is the huge amount of RAM. The question is how to leverage all that memory in Forth. Looking to how previous Forth’s system areas are sorted out, the first challenge is to move them down to free the top 8K CPU’s addressable memory between 0E000h and 0FFFFh allowing MMU7 to map to any physical 8K RAM page.

There are some peculiar addresses that identify the following Forth system areas:

- 0F840h : Calculator Stack (SP) grows downward, Text Input Buffer (TIB) upward.,
- 0F8E0h : Return Stack (RP) grows downward, User Variables Area upward.
- 0F94Ch : the FIRST disk buffer starts here and buffers area ends just before LIMIT 0FF58h.

I coded this “move” in a few words (available in Screens #220-#223) summarized in the definition DOWN that moves these pointers “down” as follow:

- 0FF58h → 0E000h : LIMIT
- 0F9C4h → 0D9F4h : FIRST
- 0F8E0h → 0D9A0h : Return Stack and User Variables Area
- 0F840h → 0D900h : Stack Pointer and TIB

Heap Pointer description

This section explains how to encode both page number and address offset in a normal Z80 16-bits pointer variable. Since an 8K offset requires 13 bits, the remaining 3 bits can be used to encode, say, from page 64 (\$40) to page 71 (\$4F).

For example:



This solution opens to 64K of physical RAM that can store large amount of data, a so called heap. Strings are dictionary expensive, so it would be useful storing them in heap as constant-strings and fetch them at need. More, 8K of room is a good place to store an array of strings, or even numeric array and implement some matrices algebra...

Heap structure

The Heap is a “linked-list” starting at page \$40 offset \$0002. The User variable HP points to the next available location on Heap. So, at startup, HP is \$0002 that correspond to page \$40 offset \$0002.

Any Heap new memory allocation reserves the requested number of bytes and advances HP to point to the next available location on Heap. The value of HP is then stored at the location that was available before the memory allocation was requested to put in place a “linked-list”.

At startup, HP is \$0002 and the Heap memory looks like the following

Location	Content
\$40:\$0002	\$0000 (this marks the "end" of Heap)

Suppose we want to reserve 5 bytes of Heap, we can give 5 HEAP that will return \$0004 as the "Pointer" the Heap area just allocated, while HP User variable will be advanced to \$0009. After the execution the memory will look like:

Location	Content
\$40:\$0002	\$0009 (final value of HP)
\$40:\$0004	00 00 00 00 00 (5 bytes just allocated)
\$40:\$0009	\$0000

Then, we want to reserve another 7 bytes, we can give 7 HEAP that will return \$000B as the "Pointer" the this new chunk of memory and HP will be advanced to \$0012. After the execution the memory will look like:

Location	Content
\$40:\$0002	\$0009 (final value of HP)
\$40:\$0004	00 00 00 00 00 (5 bytes just allocated)
\$40:\$0009	\$0012
\$40:\$000B	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 (7 bytes just allocated)
\$40:\$0012	\$0000

Now, you should be able to see the Linked-List starting at \$0002 that points to \$0009 that points to \$0012. You can follow all these Pointers using the following procedure:

```
2    .S \ Stack is 0002 as Heap-Pointer, that is $40:$0002, the beginning of Heap Memory.
FAR  .S \ Stack is E002 as real Address (and page $40 is fitted in MMU7)
@    .S \ Stack is 0009 as Heap-Pointer
FAR  .S \ Stack is E009 as real Address (and page $40 is fitted in MMU7)
@    .S \ Stack is 0012 as real Address
```

Some low-level definitions are available to allow to store on heap and retrieve from it and how to avoid that my string is "paged away" in the middle of processing, that is how to let a page to stay in place across Standard-ROM calls or I/O disk operations, that use addresses C000-FFFF for their purposes:

MMU7 to fit a given 8K page number at E000h (i.e. MMU7).

>FAR to quick decode a "16 bit pointer" splitting it into "page & offset" as shown in the post above.

User variable **HP** has been introduced to keep track of room in Heap: it is the "pointer" to the next available space on Heap.

The following definitions are available after loading via 80 LOAD.

+" ha --- ha

Appends a string to the last string, return an heap-address pointer to a counted string.

FAR ha --- a

This definition converts a heap-pointer `ha` into an offset `a` (at E000h) and perform the correct 8K paging on MMU7.

H" --- ha

Accepts a string and store it to Heap, and return an heap-address pointer to a counted string.

HEAP n --- ha

This definition reserves `n` bytes on Heap

IN-PAGE? n ---

Check if `n` bytes are available on current 8K-page in Heap, otherwise advance HP to skip to the beginning of next 8K-page.

POINTER ha --- a

It works like `CONSTANT` but it returns a "FAR-resolved" pointer.

A possible use is: `S" ccc" POINTER P1`

S" --- a n

Accepts a string and store it to Heap: at compile time it compiles `(S")` and the heap-pointer just after it, during direct interpret (and at runtime) it returns a real-address at MMU7 and a counter.

(S") --- a n

This is the run-time counterpart of `S"` that use the Heap-Pointer that follows to fit the correct 8K-Page in MMU7 using `FAR` definition and leaving the real-address `a` and the length of the string `n`.

+C ha c --- ha

Consume a character `c` and append the string being created in Heap at `ha`. The pointer `ha` is returned unchanged.

+" ha --- ha

Accept a string and append it to the string being created in Heap at `ha`. The pointer `ha` is returned unchanged.

HEAP-INIT

Ask NEXTZXOS to use pages \$40-\$47 for Heap. From this point Heap command can be used.

HEAP-DONE

Release to NEXTZXOS pages \$40-\$47. Heap commands should not be used.

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