v-FORTH 1.52

ZX Spectrum Next version

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Introduction &
Technical Information

Build 20220425

1 Foreword

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 1.52** is available at https://sites.google.com/view/vforth/vforth15-next and also on the GitHub repository 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. Though this is a working and functional piece of software, the porting is still "work-in-progress", as there are many things to do.

Starting with this version v-Forth 1.52, the behavior of VARIABLE is "standard" and doesn't need an initial value.

Since sub-version **v-Forth 1.51**, this Forth comes with two flavors: Direct-Threaded or Indirect-Threaded code. Direct-Threaded offers some 25% of more speed at the cost of more memory allocation for each colon-definition. See § 5 for some technical detail.

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Legend

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

2 Getting started

2.1 Installation

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

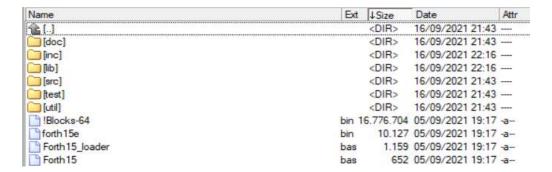
https://github.com/mattsteeldue/vforth-next/tree/master/download

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

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

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

doc/	where I keep some text image-versions of !Blocks-64.bin
inc/	contains text-file of single word definitions available after you type NEEDS ccc.
lib/	same as inc/ but these text-file are a collection of several words that forms a "library utility", e.g. SEE.
src/	among others, the source file of this Forth System. You can even recompile new builds.
test/	contains an adaptation of John Hayes' Test Suite that tries to make this Forth more standard.
util/	with some Perl script to manage with !Blocks-64.bin file I collect over the time
demo/	some useful demo



If you wish to use a different directory instead of C:/tools/vforth, you need to modify the paths in the two above Basic programs, **Forth15_Loader.bas** and **Forth15.bas**.

Forth15f.bin is the Direct-Threaded version, which is the default option. **Forth15e.bin** is the Indirect-Threaded version that can be loaded by modifying the Basic Program "**Forth15_loader.bas**". See §5 "The inner-interpreter" for details. Indirect-Threaded version produces smaller programs.

2.2 Activation

The Forth System is activated running a Basic program C:/tools/vforth/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 and usually loads **forth15f.bin** (the Direct-Thread version Forth core) and then it loads a smaller Basic launcher **Forth15.bas** that you can customize for your purposes.

```
now LOADing code...
"forth15f.bin" CODE 25446
sleep 5
LOADing wrapper...
"Forth15.bas"
```

A Splash screen displays "Version number" and "Build date" followed by some technical system information that are obtained by executing **Screen # 11**.

Within a few seconds the system will ask if you would like to "Run Scr# 11 autoexec": the only way to refuse is by using the **[N] key**. However, it is a good idea to allow Forth to continue to LOAD **Screen # 11** which in turn loads a few useful utilities making available, among the other words, two particular words: EDIT the "**Screen Editor**" and SEE the "**Debugger Inspector**". This phase is executed only at *first* startup, but you can run it again using word AUTOEXEC

```
v-Forth 1.52 NextZXOS version
Direct Thread - build 20220102
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28.0 MHz Z80n CPU Speed.
18837 bytes free in Dictionary.
65533 bytes free in Heap.

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

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

- a. type RUN at Basic prompt: This does a WARM Forth-start, preserving your previous work and buffers status.
- b. type RUN 20 at Basic prompt: This does a COLD start, that should reset all as if you had just loaded from SD card.

2.3 Source feeding

Before entering Forth, the Basic launcher could open text files via OPEN# for instance

```
OPEN# 13, "o>output.txt"
```

that can be later selected for output from Forth via 13 SELECT to collect any output you send to this output-channel. To restore sending output to video there is an easy VIDEO definition that simply does 2 SELECT.

You can modify the Basic launcher and add 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 definition to start reading text from input stream #12 instead of loading from Screen # "-12", that doesn't exists. This feature, i.e., passing a negative "screen" number to LOAD, is not Forth standard, but an original idea of my own.

Anyway, there is no more need to OPEN# a stream from Basic, since two new specific definitions allow you to include source from any file: INCLUDE and NEEDS. For example,

```
INCLUDE demo/chomp-chomp.f
```

or

NEEDS GRAPHICS

Moreover, you are allowed to edit any souce text-file using LED, the built-in editor available after you type

```
NEEDS LED
```

See chapter "The dictionary" for more details.

2.4 Case-insensitive and Case-sensitive option

By default, the Forth interpreter is *case-insensitive*, so you can type your commands using lower-case or upper-case or a mix of them with no difference. To enable or disable the case-sensitive interpretation you can use <code>CASEON</code> and <code>CASEOFF</code> definitions.

The case-insensitive option applies to the Interpreter's dictionary search only. Any new definition you are coding retains the exact case you coded them.

2.5 Character size

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 characters 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.

You can also change LAYER mode using some Layer-related definitions available after you type NEEDS GRAPHICS.

2.6 Block / Screen system and Text editor

This Forth System comes with a 16 Mbytes file named !Blocks-64.bin that provides a BLOCK-like mass-storage system to hold 32.767 BLOCKs (or 16,383 Screens) that can be edited using the "Full Screen Editor" utility available after you type:

NEEDS EDIT

Each BLOCK is 512 bytes and each Screen is 1 KByte long and can store text in 16 lines x 64 columns way or can be used as a *virtual-memory* area where you can persistently store anything you like.

Accessing of the first blocks is faster than the others, so that reading the last BLOCKs available using

DECIMAL 16383 LIST

takes a noticeable amount of time. This may depend on how F_SEEK primitive is implemented.

2.7 Definitions grouped by category

Here is my own personal classification of most definitions available in this system.

2.7.1 Comments

Block oriented	Line oriented	No-operation
()	\	NOOP

2.7.2 Stack manipulation

Broadly speaking, a Calculator-Stack entry is a 16-bits number i.e. a CELL, and a Double-Integer value is a 32-bits number which needs two CELLS.

Return-Stack is used on entering-exiting phase of a definition *and also* to keep track of DO-LOOP index and limit.

Floating-Point-Stack is the standard ZX Spectrum floating-point Calculator Stack that is accessible after loading the Floating-Point-Option (§3.7).

See §4 "Technical specifications" for more details.

Single Cell	Double cells	Return Stack	Stack Inspection	Floating point Stack
DUP	2DUP	>R	DEPTH	>F
OVER	20VER	R>	.S	F>
DROP	2DROP	R@		FOP
SWAP	2SWAP	I'		
NIP	2ROT	DUP>R		
TUCK		R>DROP		
ROT				
-ROT				
PICK				
ROLL				
?DUP				
-DUP				

2.7.3 Comparison

Comparison involves the two top elements available on the Calculator Stack.

Against zero	Signed	Unsigned	Double-precision
0=	=	U<	D0=
0<	<	DU<	D<
0>	>		D=
NOT	<>		
	MIN		
	MAX		

2.7.4 Output

Any output is sent to video by deefault, but the actual device depends on which Stream is chosen via SELECT.

Single word Stack Value	Double word stack value Floating point Stack	String	Other	
	D.	."	SPLASH	
.R ?	D.R F.	. (. C	CLS CR	
U.		SPACE SPACES	DEVICE SELECT	
		EMIT	522201	
		EMITC INVV		
		TRUV MARK		
		MESSAGE		
		TYPE		

2.7.5 Integer Arithmetics

Normally all definitions act upon 16-bits (signed or unsigned) integers.

Definitions that act upon 32-bits integers have names that begin with ${\bf D}$ for double.

Mixed definitions, that involve both 16-bits and 32-bits integers begin with **M** for *mixed*.

Arithmetics	Signed / Unsigned	Double	Constants
+ - * /MOD MOD 2/ 2*	+- ABS NEGATE UM/MOD UM*	D+ D- DNEGATE DABS D+-	0 1 2 3 -1

Mixed	Bitwise	Increment/Decrement	Floored / Simmetric Division
M+ M* M/ M/MOD */ */MOD	AND OR XOR NOT RSHIFT LSHIFT FLIP INVERT SPLIT UPPER	1+ 2+ CELL+ 1- 2- CELL-	FM/MOD SM/MOD

2.7.6 Memory

Store & Fetch	Memory chunks	Pointers & Variables	8K RAM Paging
!	FILL	RP@	S"
@	ERASE	RP!	HEAP
2!	BLANKS	SP@	FAR
20	CMOVE	SP!	POINTER
C!	CMOVE>	S0	н"
C@	PAD	R0	+"
+!	BUFFER	USE	+C
TOGGLE	BLOCK	PREV	>FAR
TO (used with	CELL		<far< td=""></far<>
VALUE)	CELLS		HEAP-INIT
+TO	ALIGNED		HEAP-DONE
	DUMP		SKIP-PAGE

2.7.7 Flow control

Counted Loop	Unconted Loop	Conditionals	System related
DO ?DO LOOP +LOOP LEAVE I I' J	BEGIN WHILE REPEAT UNTIL OR END AGAIN BACK	IF THEN ENDIF ELSE CASE ENDCASE OF ENDOF	BYE AUTOEXEC COLD WARM ABORT ERROR CALL# INTERPRET
K		EXEC:	EXECUTE QUIT BASIC

2.7.8 Definition related

Creators	Status & Variables	Compilation / Interpretation	Dictionary Allocation
: ; :NONAME CREATE VARIABLE CONSTANT CODE EXIT !CSP DOES> <builds td="" user<="" value=""><td>?COMP ?CSP ?ERROR ?EXEC ?LOADING ?PAIRS ?STACK STATE CSP</td><td>COMPILE [COMPILE] [CHAR]</td><td>ALLOT , C, ." .(COMPILE, LITERAL DLITERAL</td></builds>	?COMP ?CSP ?ERROR ?EXEC ?LOADING ?PAIRS ?STACK STATE CSP	COMPILE [COMPILE] [CHAR]	ALLOT , C, ." .(COMPILE, LITERAL DLITERAL

2.7.9 I/O and Hardware

I/O Ports	HW Registers	Keyboard	
P! P@	REG! REG@ MMU7! MMU7@	?TERMINAL KEY	

2.7.10 BLOCK / Screen related

Block & Buffer	Input	Block-file primitives	Variables & Constants
.LINE BLOCK EMPTY-BUFFERS FLUSH INDEX LIST UPDATE OPEN<	LOAD> QUERY ACCEPT ENCLOSE CHAR EXPECT WHERE LOCATE GREP BSEARCH	BLK-INIT BLK-READ BLK-SEEK BLK-WRITE	TIB FIRST LIMIT SOURCE-ID BLK >IN OUT SCR OFFSET BLK-FH BLK-FH BLK-FNAME #SEC #BUFF SPAN B/BUF B/SCR C/L

2.8 Numbers & strings

Number to string	Base	Interpretation	Variables
<#	BASE	NUMBER	NMODE
#	HEX	(NUMBER)	HLD
#S	DECIMAL	(SGN)	DPL
#>	BINARY		FLD
SIGN	OCTAL		PLACE
HOLD			EXP

2.8.1 Dictionary related

Input Stream	Vocabulary manipulation	Definition data	Variables & Constants
•	FORTH	CFA	WIDTH
-FIND	DEFINITIONS	PFA	WARNING
INCLUDE	ASSEMBLER	NFA	FENCE
MARKER	SMUDGE	LFA	DP
NEEDS	RENAME	<name< td=""><td>VOC-LINK</td></name<>	VOC-LINK
CASEOFF	FORGET	>BODY	CONTEXT
CASEON	ALIGN	TRAVERSE	CURRENT
	ID.	.WORD	BL

2.8.2 Editor

Screen oriented	Line oriented		File oriented
EDIT B N L SAVE	H D RE INS S	.PAD P -MOVE TEXT LINE	LED LED-EDIT LED-SAVE LED-FILE

2.8.3 NextZXOS

File hooks	Directory hooks	+3DOS hooks	
F_SEEK F_CLOSE F_SYNC F_FGETPOS F_READ F_WRITE F_OPEN	F_OPENDIR F_READDIR	M_P3DOS	R# LP HANDLER

2.8.4 Unsorted

R# LP HANDLER

2.9 Known bugs and improvement needed

INTERPRET Interpretation of long structure via LOAD cannot cope with BLOCK boundaries. This means, for example,

that you cannot start an ENUMERATED structure in one BLOCK and continue it in the next BLOCK.

NEEDS has a flaw, in case of interpretation/compilation error, the file/handle remains open and you have to

close it manually using something like $\ 2\ \text{F_CLOSE}$. otherwise you cannot use REMOUNT from

Basic.

OPEN< At the moment, this definition cannot be compiled and should be used only in interpretation phase.

INCLUDE This word has a known bug, the INCLUDEd source text file must end with an empty line, otherwise the

system will crash usually showing some vertical lines.

CAT" The drive C: must always be specified, even for current directory.

3 Utilities

WARNING: many of these definitions are still under development and specifications may change in the future. Much effort will be put to keep backward compatibility.

3.1 The Full Screen Editor Utility – Screen oriented

The EDIT definition is available after you type: NEEDS EDIT (or in the old way 190 LOAD if the source it is still there and you didn't reused these Screens).

On this Forth system, as in many others, a Screen has 1.024 bytes of data spread in 16 lines, 64 bytes each.

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

This editor works only if the display-mode allows 64 character per line at least.

EDIT ---

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

```
DECIMAL 196 LIST (to set 196 the "current screen")

EDIT (to enter the editor on "current screen")
```

```
Screen # 196
                                                          edit
                       7/7 )
  Full Screen Editor
      HOMEC PUTPAGE EDIT-FRAME
      RC@ NROW @ NCOL
                      @ TO-SCR 2DUP AT-XY
         ?TERMINAL IF
           -XY EMIT R> CTRLC
      CURC! AT-XY DROP CURC® EMIT RIGHTC
         \ quit using EDIT-key + @
                          28
                                      40
 COM
       0
          col:
                    hex:
                               dec:
pad
                            I-nsert
                                      H-old
         B-ack
                  D-et
                            R-eplace
                                      P-ut hex byte
```

The picture above shows a header reporting the Screen number and a line-ruler followed by 16 lines that make up the Screen itself.

A flashing cursor is visible at home position. The cursor 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 **col**umn number) are shown at the bottom status bar along with current character, **dec**imal ASCII code and **hex**adecimal code of it.

Pad line shows the current PAD content. Line oriented commands handle and work with PAD. See the "Line Editor" chapter. If PAD contains garbage, the whole screen may become corrupted: in this case you can type [Edit] + H to copy the current line to PAD that should fix that issue.

After the [Edit] key (i.e. Shift + 1 using standard PC keyboard) 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. This feature is quite important, since it does for a single Screen what EMPTY-BUFFERS does for all of them.

[Edit] + H: take (or Hold) current line content and keep it in PAD

[Edit] + R: Replace current line with the current PAD content.

[Edit] + S: make Space at current cursor position shifting lower lines down; last line will be lost.

[Edit] + D: Delete current line shifting up lower line, but a copy is copied to PAD before deletion, like H

[Edit] + I: Insert at current cursor line position the content of PAD: it does commands S and R.

[Edit] + N : go to Next screen

[Edit] + B: go Back to previous screen

[Edit] + P: accepts **two hexadecimal digits** representing a byte and **P**ut it at cursor position. This way, non-printable characters, that is ASCII code between 0 and 31 (\$00 - \$1F), can be stored inside a Screen, but attention must be paid to avoid corrupting the display because most of them are **control characters**. Characters with ASCII code between \$80 and \$FF can be stored in a Screen, but they are emitted to video translated to the corresponding codes between \$00 and \$7F.

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

[Delete] (that is Caps-Shift + ZERO) 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.

[Caps-Lock] (that is Caps-Shift + 2) accounts for a keystroke, but it is interpreted by the system to change the Caps-Lock state

Beware, any modification you do 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, before it's too late.

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

3.2 Graphics mode and Layer facility

The following definitions are available after you type NEEDS GRAPHICS.

To forget this library from dictionary you can type NO-GRAPHICS.

This library is still work-in-progress.

The ZX Spectrum Next's machine can handle several Graphic-Modes and vForth is able to use them.

In all the following definitions, the x-coordinate is the vertical distance from the top-left corner of the grid, the y-coordinate is the horizontal distance from the top-left corner of the grid

LAYER! n ---

This is a primitive definition to switch Graphic-Mode. The parameter n can be one of the following values and can be expressed both in DECIMAL or in HEX indifferently.

- **00** to switch to **Layer 0** Standard Spectrum (ULA) mode, 256 w x 192 h pixels, 8 colors total (2 intensities), 32 x 24 cells, 2 colors per cell. Equivalent to Basic's LAYER 0.
- **10** to switch to **Layer 1,0** LoRes (Enhanced ULA) mode, 128 w x 96 h pixels, 256 colors total, 1 color per pixel. Equivalent to Basic's LAYER 1,0.
- 11 to switch to Layer 1,1 Standard Res (Enhanced ULA) mode, 256 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colors total, 32 x 24 cells, 2 colors per cell. Equivalent to Basic's LAYER 1,1.
- 12 to switch to Layer 1,2 Timex HiRes (Enhanced ULA) mode, 512 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colors total, only 2 colors on whole screen. Equivalent to Basic's LAYER 1,2.
- 13 to switch to Layer 1,3 Timex HiColour (Enhanced ULA) mode, 256 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colors total, 32 x 192 cells, 2 colors per cell. Equivalent to Basic's LAYER 1,3.
- 20 to switch to Layer 2 256 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colors total, one color per pixel. Equivalent to Basic's LAYER 2,1.

To ease of use, this word accepts n to be expressed both in decimal or in hexadecimal, without confusion and since there is no ambiguity, so the following two lines gives the same result

```
HEX 12 LAYER!
DECIMAL 12 LAYER!
```

This primitive definition *just* switches Graphics-Mode without any other side effect. Instead, the following definitions LAYER0, LAYER10, LAYER11, LAYER12, LAYER13 and LAYER20 also modify the overall behavior of the other graphics definitions.

LAYERO ---

Set screen mode to Standard ULA, legacy ZX Spectrum mode, also set the characters to 4 pixel wide, and modify the overall behavior of all graphics definitions to work with this specific pixel resolution.

LAYER10 --

Set screen mode to LoRes mode, set the characters to 4 pixel wide, and modify the overall behavior of all graphics definitions to work with this specific pixel resolution.

LAYER11 ---

Set screen mode to Standard Res (Enhanced ULA) mode, set the characters to 4 pixel wide, and modify the overall behavior of all graphics definitions to work with this specific pixel resolution.

LAYER12

Set screen mode to Timex HiRes (Enhanced ULA) mode, set the characters to 8 pixel wide, and modify the overall behavior of all graphics definitions to work with this specific pixel resolution, for example, the correct aspect-ratio for CIRCLE is enforced.

LAYER13

Set screen mode to Timex HiColour (Enhanced ULA) mode, set the characters to 4 pixel wide, and modify the overall behavior of all graphics definitions to work with this specific pixel resolution.

LAYER2

Set screen mode to Layer 2, set the characters to 4 pixel wide, and modify the overall behavior of all graphics definitions to work with this specific pixel resolution.

ATTRIB

Variable that specifies the byte used as color-attribute in all subsequent graphics command.

CIRCLE

x y r

Draw a circle with center at x y and radius r using the current ATTRIB color and Graphic-Mode. As stated above, x-coordinate is the vertical and y-coordinate is horizontal.

DRAW-LINE x0 v0

x0 y0 x1 y1 ---

Draw a line from $\ x1\ y1$ to $\ x0\ y0$ using the current ATTRIB color and Graphic-Mode. As stated above, x-coordinate is the vertical and y-coordinate is horizontal.

PLOT

х у ---

Draw a pixel at x y using the current ATTRIB color and Graphic-Mode. As stated above, x-coordinate is the vertical and y-coordinate is horizontal.

PAINT

x y ---

Experimental: Try to paint a well-shaped convex area, provided that x y is some "center" to start. As stated above, x-coordinate is the vertical and y-coordinate is horizontal.

3.2.1 Colors & Attributes

Here is a set of definition that invoke the Standard-ROM routines to change the screen colors. All these definitions	ends
with a dot (.) to spacify that it works via \mathtt{EMIT} and to avoid confusion with other definitions.	

.BORDER b Immediately set the current BORDER color. It uses ROM routine \$2297 via CALL#. .BRIGHT b Depending on on current Graphics Mode, set the current BRIGHT attributefor any subsequent output operations. .FLASH b Depending on on current Graphics Mode, set the current BRIGHT attribute for any subsequent output operations. . INK b Depending on on current Graphics Mode, set the current INK color for any subsequent output operations. . INVERSE b Depending on on current Graphics Mode, set the current INVERSE attribute for any subsequent output operations. .OVER b Depending on on current Graphics Mode, set the current OVER attribute for any subsequent output operations. . PAPER b Depending on on current Graphics Mode, set the current PAPER color for any subsequent output operations.

3.3 LED – the Large file EDitor

Source text-files can be edited directly within vForth environment using LED – the Large file EDitor – that handles text files up to 17.568 rows, 85 characters each. The LED definition is available after you type: NEEDS LED.

Along with LED you often need CAT .

After you type LED you enter a simple full-screen editor that can modify current file one screen at a time. While within LED, you are allowed move to next page or to previous page using the command explained below.

Remember: to *quit* LED editor, you have to use [Edit] key followed by [Q] key.

Remember: to *save* the file, you have to use [Edit] key followed by [W] key.

This editor works only while the display-mode is LAYER 1,2.

CAT"

Available after NEEDS CAT. Used in the form

CAT" c:xxx"

it displays the content of directory xxx for example: CAT" c:lib"

```
      Ok
      0
      2021-10-31
      17:38:08

      ...
      0
      2021-10-31
      17:38:08

      assembler.f
      2903
      2021-11-13
      21:36:10

      BSEARCH.F
      1155
      2021-11-13
      21:36:06

      Chomp-chomp.f
      16073
      2021-11-13
      21:45:46

      DUMMY.F
      42
      2021-11-13
      21:38:18

      EDIT.F
      4128
      2021-11-13
      21:39:54

      FLORTING.F
      1215
      2021-11-13
      21:39:54

      FLORTING.F
      114
      2021-11-13
      21:39:58

      HEAP.F
      1130
      2021-11-13
      21:40:00

      interrupt.f
      3321
      2021-11-13
      21:40:00

      interrupt.f
      3321
      2021-11-13
      21:41:58

      NEEDS.F
      1460
      2021-11-13
      21:41:46

      SEE.F
      1889
      2021-11-13
      21:41:40

      TESTING.F
      3188
      2021-11-21
      17:29:38

      CAT.F
      912
      2021-11-21
      17:29:38

      Ok
      2021-11-21
      17:29:38
```

LED --- cccc

Available after NEEDS LED. Used in the form

LED cccc

opens specified file cccc and enters LED editor. For example LED lib/cat.f

This editor inherits most of its commands and behavior from the previously described EDIT editor except that is has 85 characters per line instead of 64. See previous paragraph for details.

Along with LED command, some more sub-commands are available to better handle a text-file.

LED-EDIT -

Used in the form

LED-EDIT

re-enters the LED editor after you quit it to continue editing the same file you previously opened that should still be in upper 8k RAM pages, provided you haven't corrupted its content in some way.

LED-SAVE ---

Used in the form

LED-SAVE

saves back the file you previously open in LED editor, using the current filename you already specified using **LED or LED-FILE**.

LED-FILE --- cccc

Used in the form

LED-FILE cccc

modify the filename that $\mathtt{LED-SAVE}$ will write to. This allow to save to a different filename.

3.4 Interrupt Service Routine

After you type NEEDS INTERRUPT a new Vocabulary will be loaded in memory along with some low-level words that allow setting-up an Interrupt-Driven word: The ISR must be a single word suitably defined. This is a standard IM 2 interrupt routine implementation. In the future, I hope to be able to exploit the new Next's IM 2 interrupt vector mode. Programming an Interrupt Service Routine using Forth itself is tricky and if not correctly coded, it can impair the system or cause a system-crash.

As I said, this library still does not exploit the new ZX Spectrum Next interrupt vector, this will be soon implemented: this means that the all these definitions listed here below will go under a deep overhaul when I'll code it.

A Z80's mask-able interrupt occurs every 20 ms (50 times per second), and when it occurs, a CALL to a specific routine is performed. In vForth we use IM 2 interrupt mode by preparing a 257 bytes vector-table at \$6200, filled with \$63, so that the interrupt service routine is located at \$6363 to jump to the suitable code – i.e. the word INT-SUB – that makes possible to a Forth word to be executed as interrupt.

First, INT-SUB performs a RST \$38 to fulfill the legacy ISR, then it must save the whole *Forth machine status* by pushing to stack the value of CPU registers and then saving Forth's Return-Stack-Pointer and Calculator-Stack-Pointer.

Second, it prepares Forth virtual registers (Calculator-Stack Pointer, Return-Stack-Pointer and Instruction-Pointer) to execute the xt contained in INT-W variable, then a jump to the Inner-interpreter via JP (IX) is performed. Interrupts stay disabled during the execution of such a xt.

After the xt contained in INT-W is executed, the INT-RET word is executed which restores back the machine status by retrieving Calculator-Stack Pointer, Return-Stack-Pointer and Instruction-Pointer and then popping all CPU registers before returning from the interrupt routine and re-enabling interrupts.

It's worth to be noticed that, since an interrupt may occur in the middle of the execution of any part of Forth system, not everything can be performed within an interrupt service routine, and care must be put to avoid critical interference with the main program, such as trying to write the same VARIABLE or invoking peculiar definitions that are known to modify the code they're going to execute, such as CASEON, CASEOFF, or memory areas such as most Floating-point operations.

INTERRUPT

This is an IMMEDIATE word that selects the INTERRUPT vocabulary to make "visible" the words described in this section.

INT-OFF ---

Disable Interrupt Utility by restoring IM 1 and I register to its default \$3F value.

INT-W --- a

Variable that contains the xt of the word that will be executed in background at each Interrupt. It is always followed by the execution of INT-RET so that INT-W can be viewed as the pointer to an anonymous word that contains two words: the *interrupt* word and the *return-from-interrupt* word.

INT-ON ---

Enable Interrupt Service Utility: This word prepares "IM 2 Vector Table" at address \$6200-\$6300 filling it with all \$63 and set Interrupt Mode 2, so that when an Interrupt is issued a CALL to address \$6363 is performed.

At address \$6363 is a jump to address of INT-SUB body i.e. [' INT-SUB >BODY] It is used in the form

```
INT-OFF
' ISR-WORD INT-W !
INT-ON
```

Then ISR-WORD is executed in background at each Interrupt.

During an Interrupt, Forth uses a separate Calculator Stack (4 bytes below current SP) and a separate Return Stack located at \$6330. Attention must be paid to avoid any critical interference with the normal *foreground* Forth execution.

Typical usage is to control some Sprite movement or poll mouse and joystick.

The following example keeps the display filled with evenly spaced dots in Layer 1,1 or Layer 1,2 modes.

INT-EI -

Low-level "enable interrupt". It actually executes an El opcode.

INT-DI ---

Low-level "disable interrupt". It actually executes a DI opcode.

INT-IM1 ---

Low-level "interrupt mode 1". It actually executes an IM 1 opcode. This is the default mode for any ZX Spectrum.

INT-IM2 ---

Low-level "interrupt mode 2". It actually executes an IM 2 opcode. It relies on a "vector table" located

INT-SYNC ---

Low-level "halt". It actually executes an HALT opcode to force the machine wait until the next interrupt.

SETIREG b ---

Low level Z80 register I setting. It actually executes an LD I, A $\,$ opcode.

INT-RET ---

Low-level "return from interrupt" definition. It restores all registers and returns control to Forth foreground execution.

INT-SUB ---

Low-level "interrupt service routine" definition. It saves all registers and gives control to INT-W background word

execution. Interrupt SP is initialized at 4 bytes below current SP. Interrupt RP is initialized at \$6330 and allows room for 14 cells.

3.5 Block Search and Locate Utility

This group of definitions allow you to look for text within the Screens / Blocks.

The following definition are available after you type alternatively:

```
NEEDS LOCATE or
NEEDS GREP or
NEEDS BSEARCH or
NEEDS COMPARE
```

Using the old way 70 LOAD will compile them all, using source from Screens# 70-75, provided you didn't erased.

LOCATE ---

Used in the form

LOCATE cccc

this word examines all Screens between 1 and 2000 looking for the definition of **cccc** and shows the Screen where it found the first occurrence, and makes it the "current screen", just like LIST for example:

LOCATE COMPARE

```
v-Forth 1.5 NextZXOS version
build 20210828
1990-2021 Matteo Vitturi
ok
ok
LOCATE COMPARE ↔
```

takes a few seconds to search in which Screen COMPARE is defined, and if found it shows the Screen using LIST.

GREP ---

Used in the form

GREP cccc

this word examines all Screens between 1 and 2000 looking for any occurrence of word **cccc** showing them in a table form, for example

GREP COMPARE

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

```
GREP LOCATE ...Searching for LOCATE
Screen Line Char
13 13 9 NEEDS LOCATE
15 13 9 NEEDS LOCATE
74 Ø 2 (LOCATE)
75 Ø 2 (LOCATE)
75 2 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 \mathbf{ccc} showing them in a table form. This definition is used by GREP that in fact is defined as 1 2000 BSEARCH .

COMPARE al bl a2 b2 ---

Given two string descriptors, that is address and length, (a1, b1) and (a2, b2), this definition compares the two strings and returns:

- 0 if they're equal
- 1 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 the ASCII code of ! comes before the code of ? , so the string comparison S1 < S2 is true. Compare the result of the following two rows:

```
S2 COUNT S1 COUNT COMPARE . S1 COUNT S1 COUNT COMPARE .
```

3.6 Debugger Utility

The following definitions are available after you type NEEDS SEE or usually after a regular AUTOEXEC.

Also, this section exposes in detail how definitions are stored in dictionary memory.

In the **Indirect-Threaded** version, low-level definitions CFA contains the address of PFA that in turn contains the machine code of the definition; in a colon definition CFA points to the address of the routine that handles that kind of definition.

In **Direct-Threaded** version, a Low-Level definition takes two bytes less, since CFA contains the actual machine code of the definition; a Colon-definition needs one additional byte in CFA to allow room for a "CALL" op-code to the address that handles that kind of definition. This allows some 25% of more speed at the cost of using a little more memory.

SEE ---

Used in the form

SEE cccc

it will print how word ccc is defined along with its NFA, CFA, PFA information.

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 that emits to video a counted-string stored at address a, and is defined as follow:

```
: TYPE (an--)
BOUNDS ?DO
I C@ EMIT
LOOP;
```

If you type

SEE TYPE

the system will emit something like the following, depending on which build you're running:

Direct-Thread:

Nfa: 7229 84 Lfa: 722E BOUNDS Cfa: 7230 6BF3

BOUNDS (?DO) 12 I C@ EMIT (LOOP) -8 EXIT ok

Indirect-Thread:

Nfa: 727C 84 Lfa: 7281 BOUNDS Cfa: 7283 6C9D

BOUNDS (?DO) 12 I C@ EMIT (LOOP) -8 EXIT ok

The first line shows **TYPE** Name Field Address (\$7229 or \$727C) followed by \$84 that is the counter byte of a 4-bytes length name. The counter byte always has the most significant bit set, that is \$80 added to \$04 giving \$84.

The second line is the Link Field Address (\$722E or \$7281) which holds a pointer to **BOUNDS**'s NFA that in this case happens to be the previous definition in the dictionary.

The third line is the Code Field Address (\$7230 or \$7283) that, in Direct Thread version, contains the actual machine code to be run which in this case is a "CALL" to the ENTER routine of every colon-definition, located at \$6BF3. In Indirect-Thread version contains the address of the ENTER routine located at \$6C9D.

The fourth line represents the Parameter Field Address and, in this case, is in some way a definition "decompilation" but literals and offsets are shown in "inverse video" mode. For example the number —8 after (LOOP) is the "offset" to where the Instruction Pointer has to jump to go back to next iteration. In this example (?DO) and (LOOP) are the compiled counterpart of ?DO and LOOP that in fact normally won't be compiled, instead they control the compilation of some other words.

In the "indirect-thread" version, the CFA holds a pointer to the machine-code part of a regular colon-definition so the "inner-interpreter" can jump to it.

Another example, the word **NIP** that removes the second element of Stack, isn't a colon-definition, but a low-level definition coded directly in machine-code as follow:

```
CODE NIP ( n1 n2 -- n2 )

POP HL| \ pop hl

EX(SP)HL \ ex (sp), hl

Next \ jp (ix)

C;
```

and if you type

```
SEE NIP
```

in the Direct Threaded version it will emit

```
Nfa: 6A73 83

Lfa: 6A77 DROP

Cfa: 6A79 DDE3

6A36 E1 E3 DD E9 84 54 55 43 ac]i TUC

6AB3 CB 73 6A E1 D1 E5 D5 E5 KsjaQeUe
```

In this case, since **NIP** is a low-level definition, the PFA part is shown as a hexadecimal **DUMP** that is it has no PFA part, but it's the real machine-code routine.

in the *Indirect Threaded* version it will emit

```
Nfa: 6AEF 83

Lfa: 6AF3 DROP

Cfa: 6AF5 6AF7

6AF5 F7 6A E1 E3 DD E9 84 54 wjac]i T

6AFD 55 43 CB EF 6A 04 6B E1 UCKoj ka
```

Again, the first line shows **NIP**'s CFA (\$6AA8 or \$6AA8 in this case) and \$83, the counter byte, that indicates a 3-bytes length word name.

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

The third line is **NIP**'s CFA (**\$6AAE** or **\$6AAE**) which content depends on which version (direct or indirect-thread) you're using. In the indirect-thread version, this cell is a pointer to the next cell address (**\$6AB0**) where the piece of machine-code lies. In the direct-thread version this address contains the routine itself.

In both versions, examining the subsequent DUMP you should be able to locate **E1** for POP HL, **E3** for EX (SP), HL and **DD E9** for JP (IX) to the inner interpreter address that is compiled by **Next** Assembler definition.

The bytes that follows in both versions – 84 54 55 43 CB – are the beginning of the subsequent definition in dictionary (**TUCK** in this case).

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

3.6.1 The Inner-interpreter

Here is a comparison between indirect-thread versus direct-thread inner-interpreter routine:

Indirect-threa	ndirect-threaded		Direct-threaded			
NEXT:		NEXT:				
ld	a, (bc)	ld	a, (bc)			
inc	bc	inc	bc			
ld	1, a	ld	1, a			
ld	a, (bc)	ld	a, (bc)			
inc	bc	inc	bc			
ld	h, a	ld	h, a			
ld	e, (hl) ; 7 T					
inc	hl ; 6 T					
ld	d, (hl) ; 7 T					
ex	de, hl ; 4 T					
qţ	(h1)	jp	(h1)			
CFA:		CFA:				
db	ENTER	call	ENTER ; 17 T			
ENTER:		ENTER:				
ld	hl, (RP)	ld	hl, (RP)			
ld	(hl), b		(hl), b			
inc	hl	inc				
ld	(hl), c		(hl), c			
inc	hl	inc	hl			
	(RP), hl	ld	(RP), hl			
inc	de ; 6 T		. ,,			
_	c, e ; 4 T					
ld	b, d ; 4 T					
		pop	bc ; 10 T			
	(ix) ; to NEXT	jp	(ix) ; to NEXT			

The Direct Threaded version simply omits the pointer de-referencing marked in yellow:

Omitting such part reduces the length of low-level definitions by two bytes, but on the other hand increases all non-low-level definitions by one byte. So, a colon-definition must have a "call ENTER" that takes some time to pass PFA address around. Since a Forth program mixes low-level and colon-definition, the overall speed is increased about 20-25%.

Forth15f.bin is the Direct-Threaded version, which is the default option.

Forth15e.bin is the Indirect-Threaded version: if you wish to run this version you have to modify line 120 of "Forth15_Loader.bas" Basic program

120 LET f\$="forth15e.bin"

DUMP a u ---

Performs a "dump" of a memory area from address a for u bytes or until [Break] is pressed. The value of u is always

rounded to the nearest greater multiple of 8.

Visualization is always in hexadecimal, current base is maintained. For example:

```
DECIMAL 448 60 DUMP
```

will print the Standard ROM content starting from address 448 (\$01C0) for 64 bytes, i.e. the nearest greater multiple of 8 and keeps DECIMAL as the current BASE.

01C0	4C	49	53	D4	4C	45	D4	50	LISTLETP
01C8	41	55	53	C5	4E	45	58	D4	AUSENEXT
01D0	50	4 F	4 B	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	4 F	4D	49	5A	C5	49	С6	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 content of Calculator Stack without destroying its content. 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

3.7 Floating-Point Option

This is an experimental Floating-Point Option Library that exploits the native standard ZX Spectrum Floating-Point capabilities, with some differences.

To load this Floating-point Option Library you have to type ${\tt NEEDS}$ ${\tt FLOATING}$.

To perform any floating-point operations you first need to push one or two numbers onto **Spectrum's calculator stack** using >W definition. then you need to call the floating-point calculator using FOP definition (that calls RST \$28 service routine). Finally, you have to pop the result from Spectrum's calculator stack using W> definition.

For example, to define a word that returns the value of **pi** you can code something like this:

```
: PI

[ 1.0 >W 36 FOP \ atan(1)

4.0 >W 04 FOP \ *4

W> ] DLITERAL

.
```

A floating point in Spectrum's calculator stack takes 5 bytes, instead in Forth Calculator Stack it takes 4 bytes only i.e. the same as a "double-integer". This means there is a little **precision loss**: Maybe in the future we'll be able to fix this fact.

Thinking the floating-double-number stored in CPU registers HLDE, the sign is the msb of H, so you can check for sign in the integer-way. The exponent+128 is stored in the following 8 bits of HL and the significand/mantissa is stored the remaining bits of HL and 16 bits of DE. The fifth byte of a standard floating-point number is then defaulted to a fixed value.

If the floating-number is an integer between 0 and 65535, then it is kept on stack the same as a double-integer. To verify this fact you can type.

```
FLOATING DECIMAL 65535.0 65537.0 .S
```

that displays

```
65535 0 128 18560
```

where the two single precision integer 65535 and 0 are the representation of **65535.0** while the two integers **128** and **18560** are the internal bit-representation of **65537.0**

The integer on TOS always keeps the sign information of the floating-double-number.

Most of the definitions described below are created using <BUILDS and DOES> method.

3.7.1 Floating-point option activation and number conversion

To import the floating point library option you must type <code>NEEDS FLOATING</code> and then, you can use <code>FLOATING</code> to enable the floating-number interpretation and <code>INTEGER</code> to disable it and remain within the integers.

INTEGER ---

Deactivate floating-point numbers mode. NMODE user variable is set to 0.

FLOATING ---

Activate floating-point numbers mode. NMODE user variable is set to 1.

D>F d --- fp

Convert a double-integer into a floating-double-number. See $\mathbb{F} > \mathbb{D}$.

F>D fp --- d

Convert a floating-double-number into a double-integer truncating to the lower integer. It's the opposite of D>F.

FLOAT n --- fp

Convert a single-precision-integer into a floating-double-number. See FIX.

FIX fp --- n

Convert a floating-double-number a into single-precision-integer. It's the opposite of ${\tt FLOAT}$.

3.7.2 Representation and constants

The representation of floating-double-number fp is stored in PAD. The number u is the length of the string.

F.R fp u ---

Prints fp on a field of u characters to video or current SELECTed stream.

F. fp ---

Prints fp to video or current ${\tt SELECTed}$ stream.

1/2 --- fp

Put on TOS the value 0.5.

PI --- fp

Put on TOS the value of pi.

3.7.3 Arithmetics

F- fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point difference: fp3 := fp1 - fp2

F+ fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point addition: fp3 := fp1 + fp2

F* fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point product: fp3 := fp1 * fp2

F/ fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point division: fp3 := fp1 / fp2

FNEGATE fp1 --- fp2

Floating point negate, i.e.: fp1 := - fp2

FSGN fp1 --- fp2

Floating point sign. Fp2 is the sign of fp1.

FABS fp1 --- fp2

Floating point absolute value

F/MOD fp1 fp2 --- fp3 fp4

Floating point division and reminder: fp4 is the quotient of fp1 / fp2 and fp3 is the reminder.

F** fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point power: fp3 := fp1 ^ fp2

FMOD fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point module: fp3 := fp1 mod fp2

F*/ fp1 fp2 fp3 --- fp4

Floating point scale operation: fp4 := fp1 * fp2 / fp3 using an intermediate precision of native 5 bytes instead of 4.

F< fp1 fp2 --- f

Floating point comparison: f is TRUE if fp1 < fp2, FALSE otherwise.

F> fp1 fp2 --- fp3

Floating point comparison: f is TRUE if fp1 > fp2, FALSE otherwise.

F0< fp1 --- f

Floating point comparison: f is TRUE if fp1 < 0, FALSE otherwise.

F0> fp1 --- f

Floating point comparison: f is TRUE if fp1 > 0, FALSE otherwise.

3.7.4 Log, Exp, Trig

FLN fp1 --fp2 Floating point Natural Logarithm. fp2 := ln(fp1) **FEXP** fp1 --fp2 Floating point Exponentation: fp2 := exp(fp1) FINT fp1 --fp2 Integer truncation. If the floating-double-number is an integer between 0 and 65535, then it is kept on stack the same as a double-integer. 1.4 FINT gives 1.0 but -1.4 FINT gives -2.0 **FSQRT** fp1 --fp2 Square root. **FSIN** fp1 --fp2 Sine in radians. **FCOS** fp1 fp2 Cosine in radians. **FTAN** fp2 fp1 ---Tangent in radians **FASIN** fp1 fp2 Arc-sine in radians **FACOS** fp1 --fp2 Arc-cosine in radians **FATAN** fp1 fp2 Arc-tangent in radians.

DEG>RAD fp1 --- fp2 Convert degrees to radians.

fp1 --- fp2

RAD>DEG

Convert radians to degrees.

3.7.5 Low-level definitions.

FOP n --
Low-level definition that invokes Floating-Point-Operation n .

>W fp --
Takes a floating-point number d from Calculator Stack and put to Floating-Pointer Stack.

W> fp --
Takes a floating-point number d from Calculator Stack and put to Floating-Pointer Stack.

3.8 Line Editor

The following definitions are available after you type 90 LOAD or after you include the EDITOR vocabulary via NEEDS EDITOR. Most of the logic shown in this section is used by LED "The Large file Editor".

The Line Editor has 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 somewhere for now, deeming it too dangerous for my tastes; instead I usually use BCOPY from an actually empty Screen. You may type NEEDS BCOPY.

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 7 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 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# 1,000 and put a text "\ One thousand screens" on the first line of it. The word $\ \ \ \ \$ repeats the LIST of current screen.

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

See also BLOCK, BUFFER, 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	Parsing		Edit	One	Blanking
(keyboard)	Operation		Operations		Operations
				BLOCK	
TIB		PAD		BUFFER	
	TEXT →		← H RE →		← E
			← D INS →		← s
			₽ →		

-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 <code>UPDATE</code> . Current Screen is the one kept by <code>SCR</code> .
. PAD "Show PAD". It prints the current PAD content.
${\bf B}$ ——— "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 n1 to Screen n2. SCR will contain n2.
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.
L "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.

"Put" a line. This word accepts the following text (delimited by a tilde character \sim) as the text of line n of current Screen.

n

Text is taken from TIB and sent to the current Screen

RE n ---

"Replace". This word takes text currently in ${\tt PAD}\,$ 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.

4 Technical specifications

4.1 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 in I/O operations or in complex definitions
- DE'- Used in I/O operations or in complex definitions
- HL'- Used in I/O operations or in complex definitions (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 during Interrupt.

4.2 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 using the usual two-complement notation. Alternatively, the it represents an *unsigned integer* between 0 and +65535.

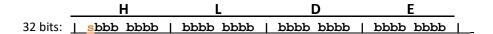
In the CPU registers, an *integer* is kept in H and L where H is the most significant part.

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

4.3 Double cell 32 bits Integer Number Encoding

The second integer format requires two *integers* to form a 32 bits number, referred to as *double* or *long*, that allows integers between -2,147,483,648 and +2,147,483,647 where the sign is kept on the most significant bit of the first *integer*.

Imagine a double integer stored in CPU register in this way:



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

Then, on the Calculator Stack the double integer requires four contiguous bytes split into two integers that it forms 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 in the higher address, that is the second element from the top. So, it appears as L H E D,

 CPU	Calculator Stack		
D	SP + 3		
Ε	SP + 2		
Н	SP + 1		
L	SP + 0 (Top Of Stack)		

To adhere to the Standard, in RAM it is kept as L H E D. See how 2VARIABLE is defined to understand this fact.

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

4.4 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 reopresentation a *floating point number* approximately between $\pm 0.3E-38$ and $\pm 1.7E+38$ 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 or significand. The sign in this position allows (IMO) using most of the same semantics of *double integers* as per the sign of the number.

See Floating-Point Option section for more details.

4.5 Single Cell 16 bits Heap Pointer Address Encoding

This is Spectrum Next's peculiar 16 bits Heap Pointer Address Encoding that leverages on MMU7 i.e. Z80 memory space addresses between 0E000h and 0FFFFh. The three most significant bits represent an 8kibyte-page between 32 and 39, 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 8kibyte of physical RAM. Any NextZXOS call and most of I/O operations restore page 1 at MMU7, so in most cases data stored in Heap has to be moved to PAD before being used elsewhere.

			H	<u> </u>
16 bit:	HL:		pppb bbbb	bbbb bbbb
		Page	Offs	set L
		0010 0ppp	111b bbbb	bbbb bbbb

5 Error messages

Error messages strings are stored at Screens from # 4 to # 7 that are therefore reserved.

Code	Message
#0	is undefined.
#1	Stack is empty.
#2	Dictionary full.
#3	No such a line.
#4	has already been defined.
#5	Invalid stream.
#6	No such a block.
#7	Stack full.
#8	Old dictionary is full.
#9	Tape error.
#10	Wrong array index.
#11	Invalid floating point.
#12	Heap full.
#13	Division by zero.
#14	Patching the wrong word.
#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.
#34	Checksum error.
#38	Not a BMP file.
#39	NextZXOS Opendir error.
#40	NextZXOS Out of memory.
#41	NextZXOS Open error.
#42	NextZXOS Close error.
#43	File not found.
#44	NexZXOS doscall error.
#45	NextZXOS pos error.
#46	NextZXOS read error.
#47	NextZXOS write error.
#50	Incorrect result.
#51	Wrong number of result.
#52	Cell number before '->' does not match}T spec.
#53	Cell number before and after '->' does not match.
#54	Cell number after '->' below}T does not match.

6 The Dictionary

6.1 The "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 7 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 <code>cccc</code>, that is its xt or value to be compiled or passed to <code>EXECUTE</code>. If the word <code>cccc</code> is not found after the <code>CURRENT</code> and <code>CONTEXT</code> 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 ccc. 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 \mathtt{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 $OA \rightarrow$ new line (emitted as a OD 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) al a2 n -- b

This word performs a lexicographic compare of $\,n\,$ bytes of text at address a 1 with $\,n\,$ bytes of text address a 2. 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 al greater than string at al
- -1: if string at al less than string at a2

See also CASEON and CASEOFF.

(DO) ---

This is the primitive compiled by DO.

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 a 2 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.

(LEAVE) ---

Direct procedure compiled by LEAVE that discards the current DO-LOOP frame and executes an unconditional jump. The memory cell following (LEAVE) contains the offset to be relatively added to the Instruction Pointer to jump after the corresponding (LOOP) or (+LOOP).

(LINE) n1 n2 --- a b

Retrieves Line n1 of Screen 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.

(MAP) a2 a1 n c1 --- c2

Translate character c1 using mapping string a2 and a2. If c1 is present within string a1 then the corresponding position within string a2 is taken as translation. If c1 is not present within string a1, then it is not translated, and c2 remanis equal to c1. n is the length of strings a1 and a2.

For example, the following definitions are used to fix the illegal characters in a filename string:

```
create ndom hex
                  (:?/*|\<>")
           char? c, char / c, char * c,
 char : c,
            char \ c,
                     char < c, char > c,
                                           char " c,
 char | c,
create ncdm hex
                 ( % ^ % & $ { } ~
            char ^ c, char % c, char & c,
 char
        c,
 char $ c,
           char c,
                     char { c, char } c,
: needs-ch ( a -- ) \ Replace illegal characters in filename string a
 count bounds
     ncdm ndom 9 i c@ (map) i c!
 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 newly created word wants to return an *integer* value on TOS, it has to do it beforehand 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.

This Forth implementation *always* keeps (NEXT) value in **IX register.** For example, to create two definitions that disables and enables interrupts, without an ASSEMBLER, you could use the following snippet:

```
INT-DI
                HEX
CODE
  F3 C,
                     di
  DD C, E9 C,
                     jp (ix)
                    now a dictionary search will find this word
  SMUDGE
CODE
       INT-EI
                HEX
  FB C,
                  \
                     еi
  DD C, E9 C,
                  ١
                     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.

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.

Computes the product of two integers.

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

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

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 if the index did not cross the boundary between the loop limit minus one and the loop limit, the execution jumps back to the beginning of the loop. 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.

+TO n --- cccc

Used in the form

n +TO cccc

If not compiling, add the value n to ccc. At compile-time it compiles a literal pointer to ccc.'s PFA followed by a plus-store-command (+!) so that later, at run-time the literal is used by the ! word to alter ccc value.

Word cccc was created via VALUE. See also TO. This definition is available after NEEDS +TO.

, n ---

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

, " ---

Compile a "Counted-ZString". It calls WORD to read characters from the current input stream up to a delimiter " and stores such a string at HERE. In a "Counted-ZString" the length of the string is stored as the first byte and the string itself ends with a NUL character (0x00). For example

," Hello"

compiles: 05 48 65 6C 6C 6F 00

where 05 is the length of "Hello" string which is followed by a 00 'nul' character.

- 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 ${ t LOAD}$.

-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. This word is available only for backward compatibility. See also ?DUP.

-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 <code>HERE</code>. Then, it run a search in the <code>CONTEXT</code> vocabulary first, then in the <code>CURRENT</code> vocabulary. If the word is found, it leaves the <code>cfa</code> of the word, its length-byte <code>b</code> and a <code>tf</code>. Otherwise only a <code>ff</code>.

-TRAILING a1 n1 --- a2 n2

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

. n ---

Emits the integer n followed by a space.

." --- (immediate)

Used in the form

." cccc"

At compile-time, within a colon-definition, it accepts text from the input sources until a quote character (") is encountered, then it compiles the primitive to output the text followed by the string ccc. The text ccc is prepended by a length-counter that TYPE will use at run-time.

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

.(immediate)

Used in the form

. (cccc)

acting as ." \mbox{ccc} " but the string is delimited by a closed-parenthesis.

.C c --- (immediate)

Used in the form

c .C xxxx C

acting as $." \times \times \times \times"$ but the string is delimited by character c. It is a more generic form of ." 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. This system uses floored division via M/MOD and implements UM/MOD in machine-code, FM/REM and SM/MOD as derived definitions. See M/MOD for details.

/MOD n1 n2 --- n3 n4

Computes the quotient n4 and the reminder n3 of the integer division n1/n2. The reminder has the sign of n1. This system uses floored division via M/MOD and implements UM/MOD in machine-code, FM/REM and SM/MOD as derived definitions. See M/MOD for details.

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

OBRANCH f ---

Direct procedure that executes a conditional jump. If f is zero the offset in the cell following <code>OBRANCH</code> is added to the Instruction Pointer to jump forward of backward.

It is compiled by IF, UNTIL and WHILE.

1 --- r

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.

2! d a --n-lo n-hi a ---

Stores the double integer held on TOS to address a.

2* n1 --- n2

Doubles the number on TOS.

2+ n1 --- n2

Increments by two the number on TOS.

2- n1 --- n2

Decrements by two the number on TOS.

2/ n1 --- n2

Halves the number on TOS.

2@ a --- d

a --- n-lo n-hi

Fetches the double integer at address a. to TOS.

2CONSTANT d --- (immediate) (compile time)
--- d (run time)

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

d 2CONSTANT ccc

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 via NEEDS 2CONSTANT.

2DROP d --n1 n2 ---

Discards a double integer from the TOS, i.e. discards the top two integer.

2DUP d --- d d

n1 n2 --- n1 n2 n1 n2

Duplicates the double integer on TOS, i.e. duplicates in order the two top integer.

20VER d1 d2 --- d1 d2 d1

n1 n2 n3 n4 --- n1 n2 n3 n4 n1 n2

Copies to TOS the second double integer from top.

This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS 20VER.

2ROT d1 d2 d3 --- d2 d3 d1

n1 n2 n3 n4 n5 n6 --- n3 n4 n5 n6 n1 n2

Rotates the three top double integers, taking the third and putting it on top. The other two double integers are pushed down from top by one place. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS 2ROT.

2SWAP d1 d2 --- d2 d1

Swaps the two double integers on TOS.

2VARIABLE d --- (immediate) (compile time)
--- a (run time)

Defining word used in the form:

d 2VARIABLE cccc

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

When used in the form

cccc @

the content of the double-variable cccc is left on TOS.

When used in the form

d cccc !

the double-value on TOS is stored to the double-variable ccc.

This definition is not available at startup, it must be loaded via NEEDS 2CONSTANT.

3 --- n

Constant value 3. Compiling a constant results in a faster execution than a literal.

Duplicates the three top integer on Stack. This definition is available after NEEDS 3DUP.

: --- (immediate)

This is a defining word that creates and begins a colon-definition. Used in the form

: cccc ... ;

creates in the dictionary a new word cccc so that it executes the sequence of already existing words '...'.

The CONTEXT vocabulary is set to be the CURRENT and compilation continues while STATE is not zero. Words having the bit 6 of its length-byte set are immediately executed instead of being compilated.

:NONAME --- xt

This is a defining word that creates and begins a name-less colon-definition. It returns the xt of the word being defined. Such xt should be kept in some way, for example as a CONSTANT. Used in the form

:NONAME ... ;
CONSTANT ccc

This definition is available after NEEDS : NONAME but the file that contains this definition is named %noname.f

; --- (immediate)

Ends a colon definition and stops compilation.. It compiles EXIT and executes SMUDGE to make the word accessible.

;CODE --- (immediate)

Used in the form

: cccc ... ; CODE

terminates a colon definition stopping compilation of word ccc and compiling (; CODE). Usually ; CODE is followed by a suitable machine-code sequence.

;s ---

This is usually the last word compiled in a colon definition by ; 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.

Obsolete, prefer EXIT. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS ; S sequence.

< n1 n2 --- f

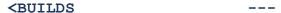
Leaves a tf if n1 is less than n2, ff otherwise.

<# ---

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

<> n1 n2 --- f

Leaves a tf if n1 isn't equal to n2, ff otherwise. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS <> sequence and the file loaded is {}.f



Used in a colon definition in the form

Subsequent execution of ccc 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.

The "Floating Point Option Library" available via NEEDS FLOATING provides a good example of use of this structure.

<NAME cfa --- nfa

Converts a cfa in its nfa. It is the same as >BODY NFA sequence. See also: CFA, LFA, NFA, PFA, >BODY.

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

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

>BODY cfa --- pfa

Converts a cfa in its pfa.

See also: CFA, LFA, NFA, PFA, <NAME.

>IN --- a

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

>R n ---

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 $>\mathbb{R}$ should be balanced with a corresponding $\mathbb{R}>$ within the same colon-definition.

? a ---

Prints the content of cell at address a. It is the same as the sequence: $a \in A$.

?COMP ---

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

?CSP ---

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.

?DO n1 n2 --- (immediate) (run time) --- a n (compile time)

Used in a colon definition in the form

?DO ... LOOP ?DO ... n3 +LOOP

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 did not cross the boundary between the loop limit minus one and the loop limit, then 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 1 copies to TOS the current value of the index.

Se 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 location and the number n to syntax-check

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

This is a peculiar definition equivalent to BACK but fitted for ?DO. It computes and compiles a relative offset from a to HERE and, in the case, it completes the BRANCH part previously compiled by ?DO that left all and nl. It is used by LOOP, +LOOP. If the loop begins with DO then all and nl won't be there and no BRANCH will be compiled.

Duplicates the value on TOS if it is not qual to zero. This is the same as -DUP.

?ERROR f n ---

Raises an error message #n if f is true.

?EXEC ---

Raises an error message #18 if we aren't compiling.

?LOADING ---

Raises an error message #22 if we aren't loading. It show the illegal use of -->.

?PAIRS n1 n2 ---

Raises an error message #19 if n1 is different from n2. It is used for syntax checking by the words that completes the construction of structures DO, BEGIN, IF, CASE.

?STACK ---

Raises an error message #1 if the stack is empty and we tried to consume an element from the calculator stack. On the other hand, an error message #7 if the stack is full.

?TERMINAL --- f

Tests the keyboard for a [BREAK] key-press. Leaves a tf if the [BREAK] key is pressed, ff otherwise. Useful to stop an indefinite loop, for example:

BEGIN ... ?TERMINAL UNTIL

@ a --- n

Reads cell at address a and put an integer on TOS.

ABORT ---

Clears the stack and pass to prompt command, prints the copyright message and returns the control to the human operator executing QUIT.

ABS n --- u

Leaves the absolute value of n.

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 souce-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.

ALIGN

force HERE to an even address. This definition is available after NEEDS ALIGN.

ALIGNED a1 a2

force al to an even address. This definition is available after NEEDS ALIGNED.

AND n1 n2

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# 11. Once called, it patches ABORT definition to prevent any further executions at startup. Anyway, you can still invoke it directly.

This allows you to perform some automatic action at startup.

B/BUF

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, that means a Screen is 1024 byte long. 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

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 (run time) (immediate) (compile time) а n

Used in colon definition in one of the following forms

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

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.

BINARY ---

Sets BASE to 2, that is the binary base. This definition is available after NEEDS BINARY.

BL --- c

Constant for "Blank". This implementation uses ASCII and ${\tt BL}$ 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-FH --- a

Variable containing file-handle to Block's file !Blocks-64.bin.

BLK-FNAME --- a

See also , " definition.

BLK-INIT ---

Initialize BLOCK system. It opens for update (read/write) file "!Block-64.bin" .

BLK-READ a n ---

Read block n to address a. See also F_READ .

BLK-SEEK n ---

Seek block n within blocks!.bin file. See also ${\tt F}$ SEEK.

BLK-WRITE a n ---

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.

BOUNDS a n --- a+n a

Given an address and a length (a n) calculate the bound addresses suitable for $DO \dots LOOP$. It is used by TYPE.

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.

CALL# n1 a --- n2

Performs a CALL to the routine at address a. First argument n1 is passed via bc register and a register. The routine can return bc register which is pushed on TOS. This definition is useful to call normal ZX Spectrum ROM routines. This definition is available after NEEDS CALL#.

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 (COMPARE) will compare the two strings case sensitive.

CELL --- 2

In this implementation a cell is two bytes. This definition is available after NEEDS CELL.

CELL+ n1 --- n2

Increments n1 by 1 "cell", that is two units. In this implementation a cell is two bytes.

CELL- n1 --- n2

Decrements n1 by 1 "cell", that is two units. In this implementation a cell is two bytes.

CELLS n1 --- n2

Doubles the number n1 on TOS giving the number of bytes equialent to n1 "cells". In this implementation a cell is two bytes.

CFA pfa --- cfa

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

CHAR --- c

Used in the form

CHAR c

determines the first character of the next word in the input stream.

CLS ---

Clears the screen using the ZX Spectrum ROM routine 0DAFh.

CMOVE a1 a2 n ---

Copies the content of memory starting at address all for n bytes, storing them from address all is moved first. See also CMOVE>.

CMOVE> a1 a2 n ---

The same as CMOVE but the copy process starts from location al + n - 1 proceding backward to the location al.

CODE ---

Defining word used in the form

CODE cccc

it creates a new dictionary entry for the definition <code>cccc</code> with the cfa of such a definition pointing to its pfa that is empty for the moment, <code>HERE</code> points that location; then some machine-code instruction should be added using <code>C</code>, that will be compiled from <code>HERE</code> onwards. The new word is created in the <code>CURRENT</code> vocabulary but won't be found by (<code>FIND</code>) because it has the <code>SMUDGE</code> bit set. Once the word construction is complete, it is programmer's responsibility to execute <code>SMUDGE</code> to make visible.

This word is redefined / overridden by ASSEMBLER vocabulary available after LOADing Screens 100-165, this allows the programmer to use a pseudo-standard Z80 notation to create a new low-level definition using assembler directly.

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

Used in the form

COMPILE cccc

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

COMPILE, xt

Used within a colon-definition, it puts xt in the following cell of the dictionary and increments DP (dictionary pointer) of two locations.

(compile time) CONSTANT n (immediate) (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

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) (run time) а

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 <code>ALLOT</code> to reserve space in the dictionary to be later used, for instance as an array. See also <code>VARIABLE</code>.

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+- d1 n --- d2

Forces the double integer $\, d1 \,$ to have the sign of n.

It is used by DABS.

D- d1 d2 --- d3

Subtract d2 from d1. This is a 32 bits subtraction. Available after NEEDS D-.

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

Emits 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 ---

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

D0= d --- f

True if d1 = 0. This is a 32 bits comaprison. Available after NEEDS D0=.

D< d1 d2 --- f

True if d1 < d2. This is a 32 bits comaprison. Available after NEEDS D<.

D= d1 d2 --- f

True if d1 equals d2. This is a 32 bits comaprison. Available after NEEDS D=.

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 a Basic OPEN# channel.

DIGIT c n --- u tf (ok) c n --- ff (ko)

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

DLITERAL d --- d (immediate) (run time)
d --- (compile time)

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

DMAX d1 d2 --- d3

Leaves the maximum between d1 and d2. Availabler after NEEDS DMAX.

DMIN d1 d2 --- d3

Leaves the minimum between d1 and d2. Availabler after NEEDS DMIN.

DNEGATE d1 --- d2

Computes the opposite double number.

DO n1 n2 --- (immediate) (run time)
--- a n (compile time)

Used in colon definition in the form

DO ... LOOP or

DO ... n +LOOP

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 did not cross the boundary between the loop limit minus one and the loop limit, then 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 immediately 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.

DOES> ---

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.

The "Floating Point Option Library" available via NEEDS FLOATING provides a good example of use of this structure.

DP --- a

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

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.

DUP>R n --- n

Copy TOS to the Return Stack. See also DUP, >R, R@.

DU< ud1 ud2 --- f

True if ud1 < ud2. This is a 32 bits comaprison. Available after NEEDS D<.

ELSE al 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 peripheal. OUT is incremented. $7 ext{ EMIT}$ activates an acoustic signal. The 'null' 0x00 ASCII character is not transmitted.

EMITC b ---

Sends a byte b character to the current output peripheal 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:

 \rightarrow 1: 2 5 6 X X X С X 2: \rightarrow 2 5 5 С С X Х Х 'null' \rightarrow 2 3: 'null' 3 2

END a n --- (immediate) (compile time) f --- (run time)

Synonym of UNTIL.

ENDIF a n --- (immediate) (compile time)

At run-time, <code>ENDIF</code> indicates the destination of the forward jump from <code>IF</code> or <code>ELSE</code>. It marks the end of a conditional structure. <code>THEN</code> is a synonym of <code>ENDIF</code>.

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

ERASE a n ---

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

ERROR b --- n1 n2 --- ff

Notifies an error b and resets the system to command prompt. First of all, the user variable WARNING is examined.

If WARNING is 0 then the offending word is printed followed by a "?" character and a short message "MSG#n".

If WARNING is 1, instead of the short message, the text available on line b of block 4 (of drive 0) is displayed. Such a number can be positive or negative and lay beyond block 4.

If WARNING is -1 then ABORT is executed, which resets the system to command prompt. The user can (with care) modify this behavior of that by altering (ABORT).

If BLK is non zero, then ERROR leaves on the stack n1 that is the value of IN and n2 that is the value of BLK at the error moment. These numbers can then be used by WHERE to determine and show the exact error position.

If BLK is zero, then only a ff is left on TOS.

In all cases, the final action is \mathtt{QUIT} .

EXEC: n ---

Vectorised fast case structure.

Used in colon definition in the form

```
: MY_ACTION_LIST ( n -- )
    EXEC:
    word0 \ executed when n = 0
    word1 \ executed when n = 1
    word2 \ executed when n = 2
    ...
;
```

to execute the word indexed by n.

Warning: there is no run-time checking on n and if n is out of range, then a crash is likely to happen.

EXECUTE cfa ---

Executes the word which cfa is held on TOS.

EXIT ---

This is usually the last word compiled in a colon definition by ; 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.

EXP --- a

User variable that holds the exponent in a floating-point conversion. It is not used until the **Floating Point Option** is **enabled via** NEEDS FLOATING.

EXPECT a n ---

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. This word isn't available at startup, it must be loaded using NEEDS EXPECT.

FENCE --- a

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

FILL anb ---

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.



User variable that holds the width of output field.

FLIP n1 --- n2

Exchange high and lower byte of n1. Available after NEEDS FLIP.

FLUSH ---

Executes SAVE-BUFFERS. It saves to disk the buffers marked "modified" by UPDATE.

FM/MOD d n1 --- n2 n3

Floored Division. Leaves the quotient n3 and the reminder n2 of the integer division of d/n1.

This system has only UM/MOD coded in machine-code.

Dividend	Divisor	Remainder	Quotient
10	7	3	1
-10	7	4	-2
10	-7	-4	-2
-10	-7	-3	1

FORGET ---

Used in the form

FORGET cccc

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

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 primitive: 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 FGETPOS n --- d f

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

F GETLINE a n1 fh --- n2

Given a filehandle read at most n1 characters as the next line (terminated with \$0D or \$0A) and stores it at address a and returns n2 as the number of bytes read, i.e. the length of line just read.

F INCLUDE n ---

Given an open file-handle n, this definition includes the source from file. This definition is used by INCLUDE and NEEDS.

F OPEN a1 a2 n1 --- n2 f

NextZXOS primitive: it opens a file using filespec given at address al and returns filehandle number n, nl is "mode" as specified in "NextZXOS and esxDOS APIs" standard documentation. Filespec is a NUL-termianted 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 primitive: 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 primitive: 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 primitive: 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 primitive: 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.

HANDLER --- a

User variable that holds the current error-handler. See CATCH and THROW.

HERE --- a

Leaves the address of next location available on the dictionary.

HEX ---

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.

HP --- a

User variable that holds the heap-address of the first free byte on Heap. See ${\tt HEAP}$ section.

I --- r

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.

I' --- n

Used between DO and LOOP (or DO and +LOOP, ?DO and LOOP, ?DO and +LOOP). It puts on TOS the *limit* of the loop. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS I'.

ID. nfa ---

It prints the definition name whose nfa is on TOS.

Used in colon definition in the form

IF ... ENDIF

IF ... ELSE ... ENDIF

At run-time IF selects which words sequence to execute based on the flag on TOS:

If f is true, the execution continues with the instruction that follows IF ("true" part).

If f is false, the execution continues after the ELSE ("false" part).

At the end of the two parts, the executions always continues after ENDIF.

ELSE and its "false" part are optional and if omitted no "false part" will be executed and execution continues after ENDIF.

 $At compile time IF compiles \ {\tt OBRANCH} \ reserving \ a \ cell \ for \ an \ offset \ to \ the \ point \ after \ the \ corresponding \ {\tt ELSE} \ or \ {\tt ENDIF} \ .$

The integer n is used for syntax checking.

IMMEDIATE ---

Marks the latest defined word such that at compile-time it is always executed instead of being compiled. The bit 6 of the length byte of the definition is set. This allows such definitions to handle complex compilation situation instead of burdening the main compiler.

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

INCLUDE ---

It is used in in the form:

INCLUDE cccc

starts interpretation of text read from file cccc.

This word has a known bug, the INCLUDEd source text file must end with an empty line.

See also LOAD

INDEX n1 n2 ---

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

INKEY --- b

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

INTERPRET

This is the text interpreter. It executes or compiles, depending on the value of STATE, text from input buffer a word at a time. It first searches on CONTEXT and CURRENT vocabularies; if they fail, the text is interpreted as a numeric value, converted using the current BASE, and put on TOS. If that numeric conversion fails too, an error is notified with the symbol "?" followed by the word that caused the error. INTERPRET executes NUMBER and the presence of a decimal point "." indicates that the number is assumed as double integer instead of a simple integer.

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

INVERT n1 --- n2

Inverts all bits. This definition is available after NEEDS INVERT.

INVV ---

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

This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS INVV.

J --- n

Used inside a DO-LOOP gives the index of the *first* outer loop. See also I.

This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS J.

E.g.

DO .. DO .. J .. LOOP .. LOOP

In this case J is used to get the index of the outer DO-LOOP while I gives the index of the inner DO-LOOP.

K --- r

Used inside a DO-LOOP gives the index of the second outer loop. See also I.

This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS K.

E.g.

DO .. DO .. DO .. K .. LOOP .. LOOP

Anyway, in Forth, it isn't a good programming technique nesting loop, better split the definition.

KEY --- b

Shows a (flashing) cursor on current video position and waits for a key-press. 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
                                 7Е
                       \rightarrow
                                 7C
С3
        NOT
CD
        STEP
                                 5C
                                 7В
CC
        TO
                       \rightarrow
                                 7 D
СВ
        THEN
                                         }
С6
       AND
                                 5В
                                         [
С5
                       \rightarrow
                                 5D
        OR
                                         ]
AC
        ΑT
                       \rightarrow
                                 7 F
C7
        <=
                       \rightarrow
                                20
                                         same as SHIFT-1 [EDIT]
                       \rightarrow
С8
                                 20
                                         same as SHIFT-0 [BACKSPACE]
        >=
                       \rightarrow
                                 06
                                         same as CAPS-SHIFT + 2 and toggles CAPS-LOCK On and Off
С9
        <>
```

Depending on CAPS-LOCK state, the faces of flashing cursor are different. They depend on the content of a few bytes in ORIGIN area:

HEX

026 +ORIGIN C@ . → 8F Full square graphic character

027 +ORIGIN C@ . → 8C Lower-half square graphic character
028 +ORIGIN C@ . → 5F Underscore character

When CAPS-LOCK is On the cursor switches between (8F) and _ (5F) When CAPS-LOCK is Off the cursor switches between (8F) and _ (8C)

You can modify this behavior putting some suitable values on these three bytes. For example you can make disappear the flashing cursor using the following patch:

HEX
BL 026 +ORIGIN C!
BL 027 +ORIGIN C!
BL 028 +ORIGIN C!

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 by compiling (LEAVE) followed by an offset to the first instruction after the corresponding LOOP or +LOOP.

LFA pfa --- lfa

Converts a pfa in its Ifa. 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 ---

Start interpretation of Screen $\, n. \,$ The loading phase ends at the end of the screen or at the first occurrence of EXIT. 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 ---

Start interpretation of screen n. The loading phase ends at the end of the screen or at the first occurrence of EXIT. See also --> and LOAD.

LOAD- n ---

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 if the index did not cross the boundary between the loop limit minus one and the loop 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

User variable for printer purposed. In this Forth implementation it is used during compilation phase by CASE.

LSHIFT n1 u --- n2

Shifts left an integer n1 by u bit.

M* n1 n2 --- d

Mixed operation. It leaves the product of <code>n1</code> and <code>n2</code> ad a double integer.

M*/ d1 n1 n2 --- d2

Mixed operation. Compute (d \cdot n1) / n2 using a "triple precision integer" as the intermediate value to avoid precision loss. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS M*/. The source file is M&%.f

M+ d u --- d2

Mixed operation. It leaves the sum of d and unsigned u as a double integer d2.

This definition is available after NEEDS M+

M/ d n1 --- n2

Mixed operation. It leaves the quotient n2 of the integer division of a double integer d by the divisor n1.

M/MOD d1 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 reminder is the same as d. This system uses floored division via M/MOD and implements UM/MOD in machine-code, FM/REM and SM/MOD as derived definitions.

MARK a n ---

TYPE in inverse video. This word is not available at startup, it has to be loaded via NEEDS MARK.

MARKER --- (immediate) (run time)

Used outside a colon defintion in the form

MARKER cccc

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

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.

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 NEXTZXOS 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.

NEEDS ---

It is used in in the form:

NEEDS cccc

if the definition cccc is not present in dictionary, then it starts interpretation of text read from file **inc/cccc.f** and if not found tries from file **lib/cccc.f**

This definition differs from INCLUDE because NEEDS cccc refers to a dictionary entry whilst INCLUDE cccc refers to a full-path filename with explicit extension.

Since any given Screen # n occupies BLOCKs n and n+1, NEEDS exploits BLOCK number 0 – which normally isn't reachable – and use it as a temporary buffer for each line read from file, this way a text source line cannot exceed 511 bytes.

Some characters are illegal for filename: noticeably the "double-quote" character (") is among them. In such case, these characters are converted into "tilde" (~) and this file is then searched for. For example:

NEEDS S" searches for the file inc/S~.f instead of an illegal filename inc/S".f

Here is the complete map:

At the moment we are writing, this NEEDS definitions has a flaw: in case of interpretation/compilation error, the file/handle remains open and you have to close it manually using something like 2 F CLOSE.

NEGATE n --- -r

Changes the sing of n1

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.

NOT ---

This is equivalent to 0=.

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.

OCTAL ---

Changes the base to octal, setting BASE to 8. To use this word you have to type NEEDS OCTAL.

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.

OPEN< --- fh

Used in the form

OPEN< ccc

this definition invokes F_OPEN NextZXOS and opens a file cccc. It returns file-handle number fh. This definition is used by INCLUDE. At the moment, this definition cannot be compiled and should be used only in interpretation phase.

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! b u ---

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@ u --- h

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:

- O 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.

OUIT ---

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 anf ---

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. \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{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!.

R>DROP ---

Removes the top value from Return Stack. See also >R, R@ and DROP.

RECURSE ---

Used only at compile-time inside a colon-definitions, it compiles the definition being created to put in place a recursion call. This word is available after a <code>NEEDS</code> <code>RECURSE</code>.

REG! b n ---

Writes value b to Next REGister n.

REG@ n --- b

Reads Next REGister n giving byte b.

REMOUNT ---

This definition is available only after ${\tt NEEDS}$ ${\tt REMOUNT}.$

Enter the unmount/mount routine. Interactively the user is asked for a Y key-stroke, and the system waits for that key-stroke allowing the manipulation of the SD.

RENAME ---

Used in the form:

RENAME cccc xxxx

it searches the word cocc in the CONTEXT vocabulary and changes its name to xxxx. The two word names cocc and xxxx must have the same length. This definition is available after NEEDS RENAME.

REPEAT al n1 a2 n2 --- (immediate) (compile time)
--- (run time)

Used in colon defintion in the form:

BEGIN ... WHILE ... REPEAT

At run-time REPEAT does an inconditional jumt to the corresponding BEGIN.

At compile-time REPEAT compiles BRANCH and the offset from HERE to all and resolves the offset from all to the

location after the loop; n1 and n1 are used for sysntax check.

ROT n1 n2 n3 --- n2 n3 n1

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

ROLL n1 ... k --- n2 ... n1

Rotates the k top elements, taking the k-th and putting it on top. The other k-1 elements are pushed down from top by one place. The index k is zero based, so that 0 ROLL does nothing, 1 ROLL is SWAP and 2 ROLL is ROT. See also ROT. This definitions isn't available at startup, it needs to be imported via NEEDS ROLL.

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.

so --- a

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

S>D n --- d

Converts a 16 bit integer into a 32 bit double integer, sign is preserved. An obsolete version S->D is still available via NEEDS

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 --- d

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 unchanged. Used between <# and #>.

SM/REM d n1 --- n2 n3

Symmetric Division. Leaves the quotient n3 and the reminder n2 of the integer division of d / n1.

This system has only UM/MOD coded in machine-code.

Dividend	Divisor	Remainder	Quotient
10	7	3	1
-10	7	-3	-1
10	-7	3	-1
-10	-7	-3	1

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

SOURCE-ID --- a

User variable that keeps the file-handle used during INCLUDE or NEEDS.

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 ${\tt SELECT}$.

SPACES n ---

Emits n spaces.

SPAN --- a

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

SPLASH ---

Shows splash screen build date-number.

SPLIT n1 --- n2 n3

Split the two bytes of n1 into two separate numbers, n2 low byte, n3 high byte. Available after NEEDS SPLIT.

STATE --- a

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

SWAP n1 n2 n2 n1 Swaps the two top element at the TOS. See also OVER, DROP, NIP, TUCK, DUP, ROT. (immediate) **THEN** a n (compile time) Synonym of ENDIF. TIB User variable that holds the address of the Terminal Input Buffer. TO n Used in the form: TO cccc It assigns the value n to the variable CCCC previously defined via VALUE. This definition available after NEEDS TO. TOGGLE b ---The byte at location address a is XOR-ed with the model b. TRAVERSE a1 n a2 Spans through the name-field of a definition depending on the value of n. If n = 1, then a1 must be the beginning of the name-field, i.e. nfa itself; a2 is the address of the last byte of the name field. If n = -1, then a1 must be the last byte of name-field and a2 will be the nfa. Used by da NFA and PFA. TRUV "True video". It disables Inverse-Video attribute mode. See also INVV. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via ${\tt NEEDS}$ ${\tt INVV}.$ TUCK n2 n1 n2 n1 n2 Takes the top element of calculator stack and copies after the second. See also OVER, DROP, NIP, SWAP, DUP, ROT. **TYPE** n Sends to the current output peripheal $\, n \,$ characters starting from address $\, a \,$.

υ. u ---

Emits an unsigned integer followed by a space.

U< u1 u2 --- f

Leaves a tf if u1 is less than u2, a ff otherwise.

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 reminder 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 <code>OBRANCH</code> and an offset from <code>HERE</code> 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 'ccc'. The first byte of pfa of ccc 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 ccc is later executed, it put on TOS the sum of offset and User Pointer, sum to be used ad 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, SOURCE-ID, SPAN, HANDLER, HP.

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 ${\tt TO}$.

When cccc is later executed it directly returns the value of the variable without the need to access its address using @. This definition is available after NEEDS VALUE.

VARIABLE
Defining word used in the form:
VARIABLE cccc
creates the word cocc with the pfa containing the initial value 0. When cocc is executed, it puts on TOS the pfa of cocc that is the address that holds the value. 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 $\texttt{CONTEXT}$ vocabulary, so that it is possible to search for words defined in this vocabulary first and execute them. Used in the form
ccc DEFINITIONS

WARM ---

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

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

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 --- al nl a2 n2 (compile time)

Used in colon defintion 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 <code>OBRANCH</code> leaving <code>a2</code> for the offset; <code>a2</code> will be comsumed by a <code>REPEAT</code>. The address <code>a1</code> and the number <code>n1</code> was left by a <code>BEGIN</code>.

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.

WITHIN n1 n2 n3 --- f

Return a true-flag if n2 <= n1 <= n3, a false-flag otherwise. This definition is available only after NEEDS WITHIN.

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. [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 defintion 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 defintion 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 defintion in the form:

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

[COMPILE] forces the compilation of a definition wwww 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 wwww but it is necessary using the sequence [COMPILE] wwww.

For example, to create an alias <code>ENDIF</code> for <code>THEN</code> you can type:

```
: ENDIF [COMPILE] THEN;

---
Used in the from:
```

\ ...

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

] ---

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

6.2 Case -Of structure

The following definitions are available after you type NEEDS CASE or 17 LOAD

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

Used in colon definition in the form

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 $\,\mathrm{nk}\,$ with the value $\,\mathrm{n0}\,$ that was on TOS just before the beginning of the Case-Of structure.

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

See also CASE.

ENDOF --- (immediate) (run time)
al nl --- a n2 (compile time)

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

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

See also CASE.

ENDCASE --- (immediate) (run time)
a al ... 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.

6.3 Heap Memory Facility

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

Among ZX Spectrum Next new features is the huge amount of RAM. Strings are dictionary expensive, so it would be useful storing them in heap as constant-strings and fetch them at need. The question is how to leverage all that memory in Forth. More, 8K of room is a good place to store an array of strings, or even numeric array and implement some matrices algebra.

Considering how Forth's system areas are sorted out comparing previous and current versions, 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.,

OF8E0h: 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 \rightarrow 0E000h : LIMIT 0F9C4h \rightarrow 0D9F4h : FIRST

 $0F8E0h \rightarrow 0D9A0h$: Return Stack and User Variables Area

0F840h → 0D900h : Stack Pointer and TIB

6.3.1 Heap Pointer encoding and decoding

A big issue arises when we need a way to encode both **page number** and **address offset** in a usual Z80 16-bits pointer variable.

Two definitions are made available to perform these coding and decoding operations: >FAR and <FAR.

Given a page number $\,\mathrm{n}\,$ and an address $\,\mathrm{a}\,$ (to be intended as an offset of addresses between E000h and FFFFh) the definition $\,\mathrm{>FAR}\,$ encodes the page number in the most significant bits of $\,\mathrm{ha}\,$ and an offset in the remaining less significant bits.

The inverse function is performed by <FAR. Splitting a 16-bit "heap-pointer-number" into the page part and the offset part again.

In the following paragraphs a couple of possible implementations are described in detail.

6.3.2 Heap Pointer description for 64 kiBytes space

The following solution allows 64K of physical RAM Heap: Since an 8K offset requires 13 bits, the remaining 3 bits can be used to encode, say, from page 32 (\$20) to page 39 (\$27). For example:

The encoding/decoding definitions would be something like the following:

```
>FAR ( ha --- a n )
CODE
      pop
              de
      ld
              a,d
              $E0
      and
      rlca
      rlca
      rlca
              $20
                      ; this is peculiar to this example
      add
      ld
              l,a
      ld
              h,0
                    ; hl = page number between 32 and 39
      ld
              a,d
              $E0
      or
      ld
              d,a
                      ; de = offset at $E000
              de
      push
      push
              hl
      jр
              (ix)
```

```
CODE
      <FAR ( a n --- ha )
             hl
                      ; hl = page number between 32 and 39
      pop
                      ; de = offset at $E000
              de
      pop
      ld
              a,l
              $07
      and
      rrca
      rrca
      rrca
      ld
              h,a
              a,d
      ld
              $1F
      and
      or
              h
      ld
              d,a
      push
              de
                      ; de = heap-pointer
      jр
              (ix)
```

6.3.3 Heap structure

The Heap can be seen as a "linked-list" starting at 8K page \$20 offset \$0002. The User variable HP keeps the "heap-pointer" to the next available location on Heap. So, at startup, HP is \$0002 that correspond to page \$20 offset \$0002.

A Heap memory allocation reserves the requested number of bytes and advances HP to point to the next available location on Heap. The previous value of HP is also stored at the location that was available *before* the memory allocation was requested to put in place a "linked-list".

In other words:

- 1. HP is advanced of one cell (2 bytes) to make room for the linked-list pointer.
- 2. Current HP value returned by the memory allocation (memory is not initialized and its content is undefined)
- 3. HP is advanced to the number of bytes requested.

Here is a real case example:

At startup, HP is \$0002 and the Heap memory looks as follows (Location is expressed in the form "\$page:\$offset")

```
Location Content

$20:$0000 $0000 ( this zero marks the "lower-end" of Heap )
$20:$0002 first free memory byte pointed by HP
```

If we need 5 bytes of Heap we can type 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 this:

```
Location Content

$20:$0000 $0000 ( this marks the "end" of Heap )
$20:$0002 $0009 ( final value of HP )
$20:$0004 00 00 00 00 ( 5 bytes just allocated )
$20:$0009 free memory pointed by HP
```

Then, we want to reserve another 8 bytes chunk and we type 8 HEAP that will return \$000B as "Pointer" to that new area of memory and HP will be advanced to \$0013. After the execution the memory will look like this:

```
Location Content

$20:$0000 $0000 (this marks the "end" of Heap )
$20:$0002 $0009 (pointer to next chunk
$20:$0004 00 00 00 00 (5 bytes just allocated)
$20:$0009 $0013
$20:$000B 00 00 00 00 00 00 (8 bytes just allocated)
$20:$0013 free memory pointed by HP
```

Now, you should be able to see the Linked-List starting at \$0002 that points to \$0009 that points to \$0013. You can follow all these Pointers using the following procedure:

2 .S \ Stack is 0002 as Heap-Pointer, that is \$20:\$0002, the beginning of Heap Memory.

FAR .S \ Stack is E002 as real Address (and page \$20 is fitted in MMU7)

⊕ .S \ Stack is 0009 as Heap-Pointer

FAR .S \ Stack is E009 as real Address (and page \$20 is fitted in MMU7)

@ .S \ Stack is 0013 as real Address

Some low-level definitions are available to allow store and retrieve "to and from" Heap and how to avoid that a string isn't "paged away" in the middle of processing i.e. how to guarantee a page to stay in place across Standard-ROM calls or I/O disk operations that use page-bank C000-FFFF for their purposes:

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

>FAR is used to decode a "16 bit pointer" splitting it into "page & offset" as shown above.

The User Variable HP has been introduced to keep track of room in Heap: it'ss "the pointer" to the next available space on Heap.

The following definitions are available after loading via 80 LOAD or via NEEDS HEAP (or something).

+" ha --- ha

Assuming ha is a Heap-Address Pointer to a "counted string" and this is the last chunk of memory of Heap, this definition accepts some text from the current input-source, parse it looking for a "that is the common "string terminator", and appends to the previous string on Heap. It returns the same Heap-Address Pointer to a "counted string" but the "count-byte" is incremented correctly.

+C ha c --- ha

Consume a character c from the current input source and append the string being created in Heap at ha. The heap pointer ha is returned unchanged.

>FAR ha --- a p

Given a heap-encoded pointer ha this definition decodes the top bits as one of the 8K-page available page p and the lower bits as the offset from E000h a. It does not modify what MMU7 page is.

This definition is available after NEEDS >FAR (that loads the file "./inc/}far.f" source file).

You are allowed to modify (with care!) the source file to obtain the desired range of pages.

See <FAR, MMU7!

<FAR a p --- ha

Given an offset-address $\,a\,$ (to be intended as a physical address between E000h and FFFFh) and a page number $\,p\,$ for an 8K-page this definition encodes the page number in the most significant bits of ha and an offset in the remaining bits. It does not modify MMU7 page.

This definition is available after NEEDS <FAR (that references the file "./inc/{far.f").

You are allowed to modify (with care!) the source file to obtain the desired range of pages.

See >FAR, MMU7!

FAR ha --- a

This definition converts a heap-pointer ha into an offset a (at E000h) and perform the correct 8K paging on MMU7. It simply calls >FAR and MMU7!

H" --- ha

Accepts a text from the current input-source and stores it to Heap. It returns a "heap-address-pointer" to a counted string.

HEAP n --- ha

This definition reserves <code>n</code> bytes on Heap and returns the "heap-address-pointer". This <code>ha</code> can be turned into a constant name using <code>POINTER</code>.

POINTER ha --- a

It works like CONSTANT but it returns a "FAR-resolved" offset-pointer from E000h .

A possible use is: S" ccc" POINTER P1

SKIP-PAGE n ---

Check if n bytes are available at the top of Heap on current 8K-page, otherwise advance HP to skip to the beginning of next 8K-page. It raises an "Heap Full" error if there is no more room in Heap.

S" --- a n

Accept text from the current input-source and store it to Heap as a counted string.

At compile time it compiles (S") followed by an Heap-pointer just after it, which at run-time returns a real-address (at MMU7) and a counter representing the "counted-string" that can be used If STATE is 0, i.e. we aren't compiling, the c

(S") --- a n

This is the run-time counterpart of S" that uses the Heap-Pointer in the following cell to fit the right 8K-Page in MMU7 using FAR definition and leave the real-address a and the length of the string n.

HEAP-INIT ---

Ask NEXTZXOS to use pages \$20-\$27 for Heap. From this point Heap command can be used safely.

HEAP-DONE ---

Release to NEXTZXOS pages \$20-\$27. Heap commands should not be used after that.

6.3.4 Heap Pointer description for 128 kiBytes space

As a mental exercise, to allow **twice** the number of pages we need one more bit for the page number at the expense of the remaining offset bits; for example, 4 bits for page number allows encoding from page 32 (\$20) to page 47 (\$2F), that is 128K, and leaves the remaining 12 bits for offset to addresses. We notice that **only even** addresses can be directly referenced.

```
16 bit pointer

| pppp bbbb | bbbb | | |
| | | | |
| Page | Offset |
| 0010 pppp | 111b bbbb | bbbb bbb0 |
```

The encoding routine could be

```
CODE
        >FAR ( ha --- a n )
                 hl
        pop
        ld
                  a,h
        and
                  $F0
        rlca
        rlca
        rlca
        rlca
                  $20
                            ; i.e. 32 in decimal base
        add
        ld
                  e,a
        ld
                  d,0
                            ; de = page number between 32 and 47
                            ; shift
        add
                  hl,hl
        ld
                  a,h
                  SE0
        or
        ld
                  h,a
                            ; hl = offset at $E000
        push
                  hl
        push
                  de
                  (ix)
        jр
```

6.3.5 Heap Pointer description for 256 kiBytes space

With 5 bits for page number and 11 bits for offset, we'll have 32 pages between 32 (\$20) and 63 (\$3F), that is 256K and only addresses divisible by 4 can be directly referenced.

```
16 bit pointer

| pppp pbbb | bbbb bbbb | | |
| | | |
| Page | Offset |
| 001p pppp | 111b bbbb | bbbb | bbbb |
```

Encoding routine

```
CODE
        >FAR ( ha --- a n )
                 hl
        pop
        ld
                 a,h
                 $F8
        and
        rrca
        rrca
        rrca
        add
                 $20
        ld
                 e,a
        ld
                 d,0
                           ; de = page number between 32 and 63
        add
                 hl,hl
                           ; shift
                           ; shift
        add
                 hl,hl
        ld
                 a,h
                 $E0
        or
                           ; hl = offset at $E000
        ld
                 h,a
       push
                 hl
       push
                  de
                  (ix)
        jр
```

6.3.6 Heap Pointer description for 512 kiBytes space

With 6 bits for page number and 10 bits for offset, we'll have 64 pages between, say, 32 (\$20) and 96 (\$5F), that is 512 and only addresses divisible by 8 can be directly referenced.

Encoding routine

```
CODE
       >FAR ( ha --- a n )
                 hl
       ld
                 a,h
                 $FC
       and
       rrca
       rrca
                 $20
       add
       ld
                 e,a
                           ; de = page number between 64 and 127
       ld
                 d,0
       add
                 hl,hl
                          ; shift
       add
                 hl,hl
                         ; shift
       add
                 hl,hl
                          ; shift
       ld
                 a,h
       or
                 $E0
       ld
                           ; hl = offset at $E000
                 h,a
                 hl
       push
       push
                 de
                 (ix)
       jр
```

6.3.7 Heap Pointer description for 1024 kiBytes space

Pursuing this path to the limit we can use 7 bits for page number we can pick 128 distinct pages, for example from page 64 (\$40) to page 191 (\$BF) that leads to 1024K of physical RAM, at the downside to be able to reference only physical addresses divisible by 16.

Coding/decoding routines are

```
CODE
        >FAR ( ha --- a n )
                 hl
        pop
        ld
                  a,h
        srl
                  $40
        add
        ld
                  e,a
        1d
                  d,0
                            ; de = page number between 64 and 191
        add
                  hl,hl
        add
                 hl,hl
        add
                  hl,hl
        add
                 hl,hl
                            ; shift hl 4 bits left
        1d
                  a,h
        or
                  $E0
        ld
                            ; de = offset at $E000
                 h,a
        push
                  hl
        push
                  de
                  (ix)
        jр
```

```
CODE
        <FAR ( a n --- ha )
                 de
                           ; de = page number between 64 and 191
        pop
                 hl
                            ; hl = offset at $E000
        pop
        ld
                  a,e
        sub
                  $40
        add
                 hl,hl
        add
                  hl,hl
                 hl,hl
        add
        add
                 hl,hl
                            ; shift h 4 bits right
        rla
                            ; A receives HL msb
        ld
                  1,h
        ld
                 h,a
        push
                 hl
                  (ix)
        jр
```

6.4 Testing Suite

This is an adaptation of the ANS test harness based on the work originally developed by John Hayes, see https://forth-standard.org/standard/testsuite for details.

The suite is loaded using <code>NEEDS TESTING</code> and "Core test-set" can be execute by typing

```
INCLUDE ./test/core-tests.f
```

In general, a test is given in the form

$$T\{ \dots -> \dots \}T$$

for example:

TESTING

This word is much like a comment, it displays the whole source line where it is.

T{ ---

Begin a test phrase that ends with \rightarrow T. It records pre-test stack depth to be compared later.

}T ---

End a test phrase begun with $\mathbb{T}\{.\}$ It compares two stack images. Any discrepancies is shown by repeating the current test SOURCE line involved followed by one of the error

6.5 Other Utilities

SHOW-PROGRESS n ---

Useful within long-lasting definitions to display a "rolling-bar" that show that your ZX Spectrum hasn't hanged or crashed. This word isn't available at startup and must be included via NEEDS SHOW-PROGRESS.

?VOCAB ---

Useful to see which VOCABULARY is CURRENT, CONTEXT and the linked-list described by VOC-LINK.

7 The Memory Map

Address	Name	Description
0000-3FFF 4000-47FF 4800-4FFF 5000-57FF 5800-5AFF 5B00-5EFF 5C00-5CEF	*CHANS *PROG *VARS *E_LINE *WORKSP *STKBOT *STKEND *SP *RAMTOP	ROM of Spectrum Display file (top) Display file (middle) Display file (bottom) Attribute file. System variables 128K RAM (former Printer buffer) System variables Stream map Basic program Basic variables Line in editing Workspace Floating point Stack Bottom Floating point end Z80 Stack Pointer register in Basic Logical RAM top (RAMTOP var is 23730) IM2 ISR vector table Return Stack during ISR (20 entries)
6331-6362 6363		Stack area during OS operations ISR entry point (JP address)
6366	ORIGIN	Forth Origin FENCE @
D0E8 D0E8 D188 D188-D1D8 D1E4 E000 E000-FFFF	LATEST HERE PAD SP@ TIB RP@ FIRST LIMIT MMU7 P_RAMT	CURRENT @ @ DP @ HERE 68 + (44h) Dictionary grows upward Free memory Calculator Stack grows downward SO @ TIB @ Return Stack grows downward: it can hold 80 entries RO @ User variables area (about 50 entries) First buffer: There are 7 buffers (516 * 7 = 3612 bytes) First byte outside Forth. 8K Page that can page any of the 224 banks of RAM Phisical ram-top

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