

v-FORTH 1.51

ZX Spectrum Next version

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Introduction
&
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Build 20211104

1. Forewords

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

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

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

This new sub-version **v-Forth 1.51** comes with the following improvement: now, each definition is formed by a direct address thread, while in v-Forth 1.5 is formed by an indirect address thread. See §5. “Debugger Utility” for details on how the various core-routine are implemented. Any Low-Level definition saves two bytes, but any non Low-Level definitions needs one additional byte because CFA does not contain an address anymore, instead CFA contains the real machine-code to be executed. For non Low-level definitions CFA is a three byte instruction "CALL aaaa" to the ;CODE part routine that handles that kind of definition.

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Legenda

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

2. Getting started

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

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

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

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

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

This Forth System comes with a 16 Mbytes file named **!Blocks-64.bin** that provides a BLOCK-like mass-storage system to hold 16.383 BLOCKS (or Screens) that can be edited using the "Full Screen Editor" utility available after you give

NEEDS EDIT

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

Here is the directory hierarchy:

doc/	where I am used to keep some text image-versions of !Blocks-64.bin
inc/	contains text-file of single word definitions available after you give NEEDS <i>word</i> .
lib/	same as inc/ but text-file are a collection of several words that forms a "library utility", e.g. SEE.
src/	among the 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 <i>standard</i> .
util/	with some Perl script to manage with !Blocks-64.bin file I collect over the time

Name	Ext	Size	Date	Attr
[.]				
[doc]	<DIR>		16/09/2021 21:43	---
[inc]	<DIR>		16/09/2021 22:16	---
[lib]	<DIR>		16/09/2021 22:16	---
[src]	<DIR>		16/09/2021 21:43	---
[test]	<DIR>		16/09/2021 21:43	---
[util]	<DIR>		16/09/2021 21:43	---
!Blocks-64	bin	16.776.704	05/09/2021 19:17	-a-
forth15e	bin	10.127	05/09/2021 19:17	-a-
Forth15_loader	bas	1.159	05/09/2021 19:17	-a-
Forth15	bas	652	05/09/2021 19:17	-a-

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

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



```
C:\TOOLS\UFORTH/
. <DIR>
.. <DIR>
DOC <DIR>
INC <DIR>
LIB <DIR>
SRC <DIR>
TEST <DIR>
!Blocks-64.bin
Forth15.bas
Forth15_loader.bas
FORTH15E.BIN
FORTH15F.BIN
```

The Basic loader **forth15_loader.bas** frees upper memory setting RAMTOP to address 25345; it loads **forth15f.bin** (the Forth core) and then it loads a smaller Basic launcher **Forth15.bas** 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 using **[N]** key. It is anyway a good idea allowing Forth to continue and LOAD **Screen # 11** that in turn loads a few useful Screens which make available, among the others, two peculiar words: **EDIT** the “**Screen Editor**” and **SEE** the “**Debugger Inspector**”. This phase is executed only at *first* startup, but you can run it again using **AUTOEXEC** word.

```
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28.0 MHz Z80n CPU Speed.
18957 bytes free in Dictionary.
65533 bytes free in Heap.

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

The Basic launcher **Forth15.bas** usually auto-starts the first time at `LINE 20`, so you usually won't care, 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. `give RUN` : This does a `WARM` start, preserving your previous work and buffer status.
- b. `give RUN 20` : This does a `COLD` start, restoring all as you just loaded from SD card.

Before entering Forth, the Basic launcher does (or could do) an `OPEN# 13, "o>output.txt"` that can be later chosen 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 exist. This feature, i.e. passing a negative "screen" number to `LOAD`, is not Forth standard, but an idea of mine.

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`. See chapter "5. The dictionary" for more details.

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 give **`NEEDS LAYERS`**.

3. The Full Screen Editor Utility – BLOCK oriented

The `EDIT` definition is available after you give: `NEEDS EDIT` or in the old way `190 LOAD`.

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

Remember: to *quit* EDIT editor, you have to use [Edit] key followed by [Q] key, in a way that mimics Unix vi editor.

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

EDIT

— — —

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

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

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

```

Screen # 196
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
( Full Screen Editor  7/7 )
: EDIT      ( -- )
  CLS HOMEC PUTPAGE EDIT-FRAME
  BEGIN
    EDIT-STAT  INITC
    CURC@ NROW @ NCOL @ TO-SCR 2DUP AT-XY
    KEY ?TERMINAL IF DROP 0 INSC  REFRESH THEN
    DUP BL < IF
      >R AT-XY EMIT R>  CTRLC
    ELSE
      CURC! AT-XY DROP CURC@ EMIT RIGHTC
    THEN
    AGAIN \ quit using EDIT-key + Q
  ;

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
row: 0 col: 0 hex: 28 dec: 40 chr: (
pad:
cmd:
U-ndo   B-ack   D-el   I-nsert   H-old
Q-uit   N-ext   S-hift  R-eplace  P-ut hex byte

```

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

A flashing cursor is visible at home position. 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 **column** number) is shown at bottom status bar along with current character, **decimal** ASCII code and **hexadecimal** code of it.

Pad line shows the current `PAD` content. Line oriented commands handle and work with `PAD`. See the “Line Editor” chapter.

After **[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 **S**pace 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 **N**ext screen

[Edit] + B : go **B**ack 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 the display to become corrupted 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.

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

4. Search and Locate Utility

The following definitions are available after you give 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.

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
```

```
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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**.

```
Scr# 70
0 .( Compare Utility. ) CR
1 \ Compare two strings and return 0 if they're equal
2 \ or 1 if s1 > s2 or -1 if s1 < s2
3 : COMPARE ( a1 c1 a2 c2 -- -1|0|1 )
4   ROT 2DUP SWAP - >R           \ a1 a2 c2 c1   \ c1-c2
5   MIN                         \ a1 a2 min(c2,c1) \ c1-c2
6   (COMPARE)                   \ b             \ c1-c2
7   R> SWAP ?DUP                \ c1-c2 b b<>0
8   IF                          \ c1-c2 b that is not zero
9     SWAP DROP                 \ b that is 1 or -1
10  ELSE                        \ c1-c2
11    1 SWAP #                   \ sign(c1-c2) or zero
12  THEN ;                      \ n
13 -->
14 CREATE s1 ," Hello world!"
15 CREATE s2 ," Hello world?"
```

GREP

Used in the form

```
GREP cccc
```

this word examines all Screens between 0 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     0    2   ( LOCATE )
      75     0    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 **cccc** showing them in a table form. This definition is used by GREP that in fact is defined as `1 2000 BSEARCH .`

COMPARE

a1 b1 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 .
```

5. Debugger Utility

The following definitions are available after loading if you give `NEEDS SEE` or via `20 LOAD` or after a regular `AUTOEXEC`.

SEE

Used in the form

```
SEE cccc
```

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

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

For example, the word **TYPE** is a colon-definition that emits to video a counted-string stored at address a, defined as follow:

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

If you give

```
SEE TYPE
```

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

```
Nfa: 71BB 84
Lfa: 71C0 BOUNDS
Cfa: 71C2 6B87
BOUNDS (?DO) 12 I C@ EMIT (LOOP) -8 EXIT ok
```

The first line shows **TYPE** Name Field Address (**\$71E1** in this case) followed by **\$84** that is the counter byte of a 4-bytes length name. The counter byte always has the most significant bit set, that is **\$80** added to **\$04** giving **\$84**.

The second line is the Link Field Address (**\$71C0**) 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 (**\$71C2**) that – in this new “direct-thread” 1.51 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 **\$6B87**.

In the previous “indirect-thread” 1.5 version, the CFA holds a pointer to the machine-code part of a regular colon-definition so the “inner-interpreter” can jump to it.

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.

Another example, the word **NIP** that removes the second element of Stack, isn't a colon-definition, instead it's 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 give

```
SEE NIP
```

under the previous *indirect thread* 1.5 version it will emit

```
Nfa: 6A87 83
Lfa: 6A8B DROP
Cfa: 6A8D 6A8F
6A8D 8F 6A E1 E3 DD E9 84 54 jac]i T
6A95 55 43 CB 9D 6A B2 6A E1 UCK j ja
```

In this case, since **NIP** is a low-level definition, the PFA part is shown as a hexadecimal **DUMP**.

Instead, using the newer *direct thread* 1.51 version it will emit

```
Nfa: 6A07 83
Lfa: 6A0B DROP
Cfa: 6A0D DDE3
6A0D E1 E3 DD E9 84 54 55 43 ac]i TUC
6A15 CB 07 6A E1 D1 E5 D5 E5 K jaQeUe
```

In this case, since **NIP** is not a colon-definition, its has no PFA part.

Again, the first line shows **NIP**'s CFA (\$6A87 or \$6A07 in this case) and \$83, the counter byte, that indicates a 3-bytes length word name.

The second line is **NIP**'s LFA (\$6A8B or \$6A0B) that contains a pointer to **DROP**'s NFA, that is the previous definition in dictionary.

The third line is **NIP**'s CFA (\$6A8D or \$6A0D) 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 (6A8F) where the small piece of machine-code lies. In the direct-thread version this address contains the routine and, in this case, it shows part of the subsequent code (DDE3).

In both versions, 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 – 84 54 55 43 – 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 Forth.

The Inner-interpreter

Here is the indirect-threaded inner-interpreter routine

```
ld    a, (bc)    // bc is the "instruction pointer"
inc   bc
ld    l, a
ld    a, (bc)
inc   bc
ld    h, a       // hl now contains xt (CFA) of word being executed
ld    e, (hl)    // that contains the address of machine code
inc   hl
ld    d, (hl)
ex    de, hl
jp    (hl)       // and jump to it
```

The direct-threaded one simply omits the pointer de-reference marked in yellow.

```
ld    a, (bc)    // bc is the "instruction pointer"
inc   bc
ld    l, a
ld    a, (bc)
inc   bc
ld    h, a       // hl now contains xt of word being executed
                        // but there's no need to dereference it
jp    (hl)       // so directly jump to it
                        // where the real code is
                        // or a CALL to a code part is
```

Omitting such de-reference part increases the overall speed about 20-25% and reduces the length of low-level definitions by two bytes, but on the other hand increases all non-low-level definitions by one byte.

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

.WORD a ---

Given a CFA, this word prints the ID. It is used by `SEE` to perform some word “decompilation”.

.S

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

0 1 2 3 .S

will print

0 1 2 3 ok

DEPTH

--- n

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

0 1 2 DEPTH .

will print

3 ok

6. Technical specifications

CPU Registers

Registers are used in the in the following way:

AF – Used for normal operations.

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

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

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

AF'– Not used, somewhere used for backup purpose

BC'– Used 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.

Single Cell 16 bits Integer Number Encoding

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

16 bit: HL:

H	L
sbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb

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

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

Double cell 32 bits Integer Number Encoding

The second integer format requires two *integers* to form a 32 bits number said *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* kept in CPU register in the in this way:

32 bits:

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

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

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

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

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
H	Address + 1
L	Address + 0

Double Cell Floating-Point Number Encoding

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

	H	L	D	E
32 bits f.p.:	sxxx xxxx	xbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb	bbbb bbbb

See Floating-Point Option section for more details.

Single Cell 16 bits Heap Pointer Address Encoding

There 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 64 and 71, lower bits are taken as offset from 0E000h. A specific definition >FAR takes care of converting an heap-pointer address to an E000 offset and paging to MMU7 the correct 8kibyte of physical RAM. Any NextZXOS call and most of I/O operations restore page 1.

		H	L
16 bit:	HL:	pppb bbbb	bbbb bbbb
		Page	Offset
		0010 0ppp	111b bbbb bbbb bbbb

7. Error messages.

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

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

8. The Dictionary

'null' --- (immediate)

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

! n a ---

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

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

!CSP ---

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

d1 --- d2

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

#> d --- a b

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

#BUFF --- n

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

#S d1 --- d2

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

#SEC --- n

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

' --- cfa

Pronounced “tick”. Used in the form

' cccc

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

(--- (immediate)

Enclose a comment. Used in the form

(cccc)

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

(+LOOP) n ---

This is the primitive definition compiled by +LOOP.

(. ") ---

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

(;CODE) ---

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

(?DO) ---

This is the primitive definition compiled by ?DO.

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

(?EMIT) c1 --- c2

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

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

For not listed character, c2 is equal to c1.

(ABORT) ---

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

(COMPARE) a1 a2 n -- b

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

When executed, this word returns a numeric value

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

See also CASEON and CASEOFF.

(DO) ---

This is the primitive compiled by DO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

See also CASEON and CASEOFF.

(LEAVE) ---

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

(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 a1. If c1 is not present within string a1, then it is not translated and c2 = c1 if it is not translated. n is the length of both a1 and a2.

For example:

```
create ndom hex ( : ? / * | \ < > " )
char : char ? char / char * char | char \ char < char > char "

create ncdm hex ( % ^ % & $ _ { } ~ )
char % char ^ char % char & char $ char _ char { char } char ~

: needs-ch ( a -- ) \ Replace illegal character in filename string a
count bounds
Do
  ncdm ndom 9 Literal 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**. To create two definitions that disable and enable interrupts, without an ASSEMBLER, you could use the following snippet:

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

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

(NUMBER) **d a --- d2 a2**

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

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

Used by NUMBER.

(SGN) **a --- a2 f**

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

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

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

Computes the product of two integers.

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

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

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

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

+ **n1 n2 --- n3**

Leaves the sum of two integer.

+! **n a ---**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Used in colon definition in the form

DO ... n1 +LOOP

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

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

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

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

+ORIGIN **n --- a**

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

+TO **n --- cccc**

Used in the form

n +TO cccc

If not compiling, add the value **n** to **cccc**. At compile-time it compiles a literal pointer to **cccc**'s PFA followed by a plus-store-command **(+!)** so that later, at run-time the literal is used by the **!** word to alter **cccc** 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 `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 `HERE`. Then, it run a search in the `CONTEXT` vocabulary first, then in the `CURRENT` vocabulary. If the word is found, it leaves the `cfa` of the word, its length-byte `b` and a `tf`. Otherwise only a `ff`.

-TRAILING a1 n1 --- a2 n2

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

. n ---

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 `cccc`. The text `cccc` is prepended by a length-counter that `TYPE` will use at run-time.

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

. (--- (immediate)

Used in the form

. (cccc)

acting as `. " cccc "` but the string is delimited by a closed-parenthesis.

.C **c** **---** **(immediate)**

Used in the form

c .C xxxx C

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

.LINE **n1 n2** **---**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Direct procedure that executes a conditional jump. If **f** is zero the offset in the cell following **0BRANCH** is added to the Instruction Pointer to jump forward or backward.

It is compiled by **IF**, **UNTIL** and **WHILE**.

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

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

Increments by one the number on TOS.

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 cccc
```

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

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

2OVER

	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 2OVER`.

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

When used in the form

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 `cccc`.

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.

3DUP

$$n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3 \quad \text{---} \quad n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3 \quad n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3$$

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 compiled.

: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 cccc
```

This definition is available after `NEEDS :NONAME`.

; --- (immediate)

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

;CODE --- (immediate)

Used in the form

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

terminates a colon definition stoppin copilation of word `cccc` and compiling `(;CODE)`. Usually `;CODE` is followed by 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 `HLD` to the value of `PAD`. It is used to format numbers using `#`, `#S`, `SIGN` and `#>`. The conversion is performed using a double integer, and the formatted text is kept in `PAD`.

<> **n1 n2** --- **f**

Leaves a `tf` if `n1` isn't equal to `n2`, `ff` otherwise.

<BUILDS ---

Used in a colon definition in the form

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

Subsequent execution of `cccc` in the form

cccc nnnn

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

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

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**.

= n1 n2 --- f

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

> n1 n2 --- f

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

>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. **WORD** uses and modifies the value of **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 **>R** should be balanced with a corresponding **R>** within the same colon-definition.

? a ---

Prints the content of cell at address **a**. It is the same as the sequence: **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 is less than the limit, the execution returns to the corresponding `?DO`, otherwise the two parameters are discarded and the execution continues after the `LOOP`.

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

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

At compile-time `?DO` compiles `(?DO)` followed by an offset like `BRANCH` and leaves the address of the following 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 `a1` and `n1`. It is used by `LOOP`, `+LOOP`. If the loop begins with `DO` then `a1` and `n1` won't be there and no `BRANCH` will be compiled.

```

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

```

Duplicates the value on TOS if it is not equal 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 shows 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 complete 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] keypress. Leaves a `tf` if the [BREAK] key is pressed, `ff` otherwise. Useful to stop an indefinite loop, for example:

```

BEGIN ... ?TERMINAL UNTIL

```


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

--- n

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

B/SCR

--- n

Constant that indicates the number of Blocks per Screen. In Next version is 2, 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

--- a

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

BASIC

u ---

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

BEGIN

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

Used in colon definition in one of the following forms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 `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

Variable containing the counted-zstring `"!Block-64.bin"`. as produced by `,` definition.
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 F SEEK.

BLK-WRITE a n ---

Take text content at address a to disk block n. See also F WRITE.

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 $a \leq a + n \leq a + n$

Given an address and a length (a n) calculate the bound addresses suitable for DO ... 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 points 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 indicates 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 equivalent 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 **a1** for **n** bytes, storing them from address **a2**. The content of address **a1** is moved first. See also **CMOVE>**.

CMOVE> **a1** **a2** **n** ---

The same as **CMOVE** but the copy process starts from location **a1 + n - 1** proceeding backward to the location **a1**.

CODE ---

Defining word used in the form

CODE cccc

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

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

Defining word that creates a constant. Used in the form

n CONSTANT cccc

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

CONTEXT --- a

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

COUNT a1 --- a2 b

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

CR ---

Transmits a 0x0D to the current output peripheral.

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

Defining word used in the form

CREATE cccc

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

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

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

See also `VARIABLE`.

CSP --- a

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

CURRENT --- a

User variable that points to the address in the Forth vocabulary where a search continues after a failing search executed

in the `CONTEXT` vocabulary. See also `LATEST`.

D+ **d1** **d2** **---** **d3**

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

D+- **d1** **n** **---** **d2**

Forces the double integer `d1` to have the the sign of `n`.

It is used by `DABS` .

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

DABS **d** **---** **ud**

Leaves the absolute value of a double integer.

DECIMAL **---**

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

DEFINITIONS **---**

To be used in the form

cccc DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

DEVICE **---** **a**

Variable that holds the number of current channel: 2 for video, 3 for printer, and any number between 4 and 15 to refer to 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 `tf`. If the conversion fails it leaves a `ff` only.

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

Used in colon definition in the form

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.

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

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

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

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:

Synonym of UNTIL.

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

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

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

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 `QUIT`.

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 **a n b ---**

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

FIRST --- **a**
User variable that holds the address of the first buffer. See also **LIMIT**.

FLD --- a
User variable that holds the width of output field.

FLUSH ---

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

FORGET ---

Used in the form

```
FORGET cccc
```

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

FORTH --- (immediate)

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

F_CLOSE n --- f

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

F_FGETPOS n --- d f

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

F_READ a n1 n2 --- n3 f

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

F_SEEK d n ---

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

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 **OBRANCH** reserving a cell for an offset to the point after the corresponding **ELSE** or **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**.

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** leaving 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

--- n

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 .. 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 keypress. It leaves the ASCII code `b` of the character read from keyboard without printing it to video. In this implementation some SYMBOL-SHIFT key combinations are decoded as follow:

E2	STOP	→	7E	~
C3	NOT	→	7C	
CD	STEP	→	5C	\
CC	TO	→	7B	{
CB	THEN	→	7D	}
C6	AND	→	5B	[
C5	OR	→	5D]
AC	AT	→	7F	©
C7	<=	→	20	same as SHIFT-1 [EDIT]
C8	>=	→	20	same as SHIFT-0 [BACKSPACE]
C9	<>	→	06	same as CAPS-SHIFT + 2 and toggles CAPS-LOCK On and Off

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 `lfa`. See also `CFA`, `NFA`, `PFA`, `>BODY`, `<NAME`.

LIMIT --- **a**

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

LIST **n** ---

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

LIT --- **n**

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

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

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

It is used in the form

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

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

LOAD **n** ---

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 while the index is less than the limit. Otherwise the execution leaves the loop. On loop leaving, the parameters are discarded and the execution continues with the following word.

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

LP --- **a**

User variable for printer purposed. Not used.

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

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

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

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

M*/ **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*/**.

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 remainder is the same as **d**.

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 definition in the form

MARKER cccc

this creates a new definition **cccc** that once executed restores the dictionary to the status before **cccc** was created.

This removes **cccc** and all subsequent definitions. This word allows forgetting across vocabularies since it keeps track of

VOC-LINK, CURRENT, CONTEXT values.

MAX n1 n2 --- n3

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

MESSAGE n ---

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

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

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

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 n_1 by n_2 and leaves the remainder n_3 . The sign is the same as n_1 .

```
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 .`
[...to be fixed...].

NEGATE **n** --- **-n**

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.

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< cccc`

this definition invokes `F_OPEN` NextZXOS and opens a file `cccc`. It returns file-handle number `fh`. This definition is used by `INCLUDE`.

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 --- b

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

PAD ---

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

PFA nfa --- pfa

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

PICK n --- pfa

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

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

PLACE --- a

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

PREV --- a

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

QUERY ---

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

QUIT ---

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

R@ --- n

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

R# --- a

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

R/W a n f ---

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

R0 --- a

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

R> --- n

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

RECURSE ---

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

REG! b n ---

Writes value **b** to Next REGISTER **n**.

Reads Next REGISTER n giving byte b .

Used in the form:

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

Used in colon defintion in the form:

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

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

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`.

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 `1 ROLL` is `SWAP`, `2 ROLL` is `ROT`.

See also `ROT`. This definitions isn't available at startup, it needs to be imported via `NEEDS ROLL`.

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

Leaves the current value of Return Stack Pointer.

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

User variable that holds the initial value of the 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.

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 `#>`.

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 peripheral, usually the video. See also `SELECT`.

SPACES n ---

Emits `n` spaces.

SPAN --- **a**

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

SPLASH --- a

Shows splash screen build date-number.

STATE --- a

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

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

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

```

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

```

Synonym of `ENDIF`.

TIB --- a

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 a 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 a_1 must be the beginning of the name-field, i.e. nfa itself; a_2 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 the 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 `NEEDS INVV`.

TUCK n1 n2 --- n2 n1 n2

Takes the top element of calculator stack and copies after the second. See also `OVER`, `DROP`, `NIP`, `SWAP`, `DUP`, `ROT`.

TYPE a n ---

Sends to the current output peripheral `n` characters starting from address `a`.

Emits an unsigned integer followed by a space.

Leaves a tf if u_1 is less than u_2 , 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 remainder **u2** of the integer division of **ud** / **u1**.

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

Used in colon definition in the forms

BEGIN ... UNTIL

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

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

UPDATE

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

UPPER c1 --- c2

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

USE --- a

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

USER n ---

Defining word used in the form

n USER cccc

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

When `cccc` is later executed, it put on TOS the sum of offset and User Pointer, sum to be used as the address for that specific user variable. The user variables 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 `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 n ---

Defining word used in the form:

n VARIABLE cccc

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

When used in the form

cccc @

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

When used in the form

n cccc !

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

VIDEO ---

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

VOC-LINK --- a

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

VOCABULARY ---

Defining word used in the form

VOCABULARY cccc

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

Later execution of

cccc

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

Used in the form

cccc DEFINITIONS

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

WARM

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

WARNING

--- a

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

WHILE

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

Used in colon definition in the form:

`BEGIN ... WHILE ... REPEAT`

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

At compile-time `WHILE` compiles `0BRANCH` leaving `a2` for the offset; `a2` will be consumed by a `REPEAT`. The address `a1` and the number `n1` was left by a `BEGIN`.

WIDTH

--- a

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

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 definition in the form:

```
: cccc [ ... ] ... ;
```

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

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

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

It is used in colon definition in the form:

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

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

[COMPILE] --- (immediate)

Used in colon definition in the form:

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

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

**** ---

Used in the from:

```
\ ...
```

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

] ---

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

9. Line Editor

The following definitions are available after you give 90 LOAD or after you include the EDITOR vocabulary via NEEDS EDITOR.

There is no single definition that needs all the following words, but EDIT is the best candidate: so instead of using the old fashion 90 LOAD you may use NEEDS EDIT.

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 in Screen# 13 for now, deeming it too dangerous for my tastes; instead I usually use BCOPY from an actually empty Screen. You may give 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 three BUFFERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-MOVE a n ---

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

. PAD -----

"Show PAD". It prints the current PAD content.

B ---

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

D n ---

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

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

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

E n ---

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

H n ---

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

INS n ---

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

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.

P n ---

“Put” a line. This word accepts the following text (delimited by a tilde character ~) as the text of line *n* of current Screen.

Text is taken from TIB and sent to the current Screen

RE n ---

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

S n ---

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

SAVE ---

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

ROOM ---

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

TEXT C ---

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

UNUSED --- n

It returns the number of byte available in dictionary.

WHERE n1 n2 ---

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

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

10. Layers facility

The following definitions are available after you give `NEEDS` `LAYERS`.

```
IDE MODE!      n1 n2 n3 n4 ---
```

Set current NextBasic display mode using passed parameters.

LAYER0 ---

Set screen mode to Standard ULA, legacy ZX Spectrum mode.

LAYER10 ---

Set screen mode to LoRes mode. 128 w x 96 h pix els, 256 colours total, 1 colour per pixel.

LAYER11 ---

Set screen mode to Standard Res (Enhanced VGA) mode, 256 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colours to tal, 32 x 24 cells, each ca pa ble of dis play ing 2 colours.

LAYER12 ---

Set screen mode to Timex HiRes (Enhanced ULA) mode, 512 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colours total, only 2 colours on screen.

LAYER13 ---

Set screen mode to Timex HiColour (Enhanced ULA) mode, 256 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colours total, 32 x 192 cells, each capable of displaying 2 colours.

LAYER2 ---

Set screen mode to Layer 2 – 256 w x 192 h pixels, 256 colours total, one colour per pixel.

11. Case -Of structure

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

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

Used in colon definition in the form

```

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

```

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

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

CASE has to be balanced by a corresponding ENDCASE.

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

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

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

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

See also CASE.

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

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

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

See also CASE.

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

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

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

See also CASE.

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

This word represents the run-time semantic compiled by OF word. At run-time, it compares the value now on TOS nk with the value n0 that was on TOS just before the beginning of the Case-Of structure and leave a flag to be used by the following 0BRANCH (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.

12. Interrupt Service Routine

Giving `NEEDS INTERRUPT` a new Vocabulary will be loaded in memory along with some back-end words that allows set-up an Interrupt-Driven word: The ISR must be a single word suitably defined

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.

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 an anonymous word that contains two words: the *interrupt* word and the *return-from-interrupt* word.

INT-ON ---

Enable Interrupt 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 required a `CALL` to address \$6363 is performed.

At address \$6363 is set 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 unwanted 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.

```
HEX
: ISR-WORD
  80 57FF !
  5701 5700 FF CMOVE>
  5700 4700 100 CMOVEs
  4700 4F00 100 CMOVE
;
INT-OFF
' ISR-WORD INT-W !
INT-ON
```

INT-EI ---

Low-level “enable interrupt”. It actually executes an EI 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.

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.

13. 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.,

0F8E0h : Return Stack (RP) grows downward, User Variables Area upward.

0F94Ch : the FIRST disk buffer starts here and buffers area ends just before LIMIT 0FF58h.

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

0FF58h → 0E000h : LIMIT

0F9C4h → 0D9F4h : FIRST

0F8E0h → 0D9A0h : Return Stack and User Variables Area

0F840h → 0D900h : Stack Pointer and TIB

Heap Pointer 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`.

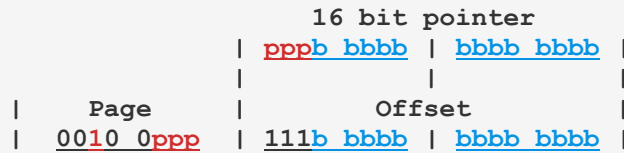
Given a page number `n` and an address `a` (to be intended as an offset of addresses between E000h and FFFFh) the definition `>FAR` encodes the page number in the most significant bits of `ha` and an offset in the remaining less significant bits.

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.

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:

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

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

Heap structure

The Heap can be seen as a “linked-list” starting at 8 kiB 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 unpredictable)
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 <code>HP</code>

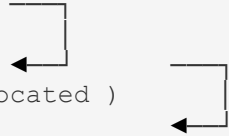
If we need 5 bytes of Heap we give `5 HEAP` that will return \$0004 as the “Pointer” the Heap area just allocated, while `HP` User variable will be advanced to \$0009. After the execution the memory will look like this:

Location	Content
\$20:\$0000	\$0000 (this marks the “end” of Heap)
\$20:\$0002	\$0009 (final value of <code>HP</code>)
\$20:\$0004	00 00 00 00 00 (5 bytes just allocated)
\$20:\$0009	free memory pointed by <code>HP</code>



Then, we want to reserve another 8 bytes chunk and we give `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 00 (5 bytes just allocated)
\$20:\$0009	\$0013
\$20:\$000B	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 (8 bytes just allocated)
\$20:\$0013	free memory pointed by <code>HP</code>



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 `n` bytes on Heap and returns the "heap-address-pointer". This `ha` can be turned into a constant name using `POINTER`.

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.

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.

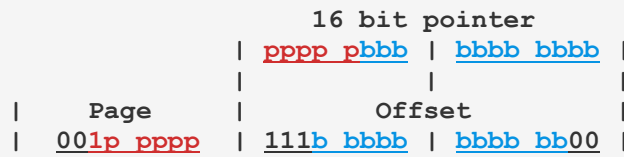


The encoding routine could be

```
CODE >FAR ( ha --- a n )
      pop     hl
      ld      a,h
      and     $F0
      rlca
      rlca
      rlca
      rlca
      add     $20      ; i.e. 32 in decimal base
      ld      e,a
      ld      d,0      ; de = page number between 32 and 47
      add     hl,hl     ; shift
      ld      a,h
      or      $E0
      ld      h,a      ; hl = offset at $E000
      push    hl
      push    de
      jp      (ix)
```

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.

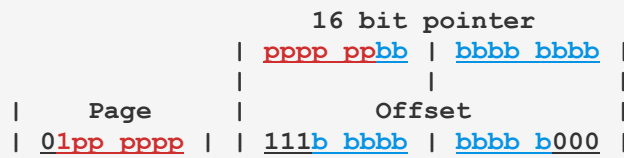


Encoding routine

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

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 )
    pop    hl
    ld     a,h
    and    $FC
    rrca
    rrca
    add    $20
    ld     e,a
    ld     d,0      ; de = page number between 64 and 127
    add    hl,hl    ; shift
    add    hl,hl    ; shift
    add    hl,hl    ; shift
    ld     a,h
    or     $E0
    ld     h,a      ; hl = offset at $E000
    push   hl
    push   de
    jp     (ix)
```

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 )
    pop    hl
    ld     a,h
    srl    a
    add    $40      ;
    ld     e,a
    ld     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
    ld     a,h
    or     $E0
    ld     h,a      ; de = offset at $E000
    push   hl
    push   de
    jp     (ix)
```

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


14. 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 `NEEDS TESTING` and “Core test-set” can be execute giving

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

In general, a test is given in the form

```
T{ ... -> ... }T
```

for example:

```
T{ 1 DUP -> 1 1 }T
```

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 `}T`. It records pre-test stack depth to be compared later.

->

Record depth and contents of stack to be compared after `}T`.

}T

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

15. 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 give `NEEDS 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 vForth 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 extend and 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 mantissa is stored the remaining bits of HL and 16 bits of DE. B is defaulted to a fixed value.

If the floating-double-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 give.

```
FLOATING 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 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.

Activation and conversion

To import the library option you must give `NEEDS FLOATING` then,

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 **F>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 **FLOAT**.

Representation and constants

F>PAD **fp** --- **u**

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 **SELECTed** stream.

1/2 --- **fp**

Put on TOS the value 0.5.

PI --- **fp**

Put on TOS the value of pi.

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 remainder: $fp4$ is the quotient of $fp1 / fp2$ and $fp3$ is the remainder.

F** **fp1 fp2** **---** **fp3**

Floating point power: $fp3 := fp1 ^ fp2$

FMOD **fp1 fp2** **---** **fp3**

Floating point module: $fp3 := fp1 \bmod fp2$

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.

Log, Exp, Trig

FLN **fp1** --- **fp2**
Floating point Natural Logarithm. $fp2 := \ln(fp1)$

FEXP **fp1** --- **fp2**
Floating point Exponentiation: $fp2 := \exp(fp1)$

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 **fp1** --- **fp2**
Tangent in radians

FASIN **fp1** --- **fp2**
Arc-sine in radians

FACOS **fp1** --- **fp2**
Arc-cosine in radians

FATAN **fp1** --- **fp2**
Arc-tangent in radians.

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

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

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.

16. 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`.

17. The Memory Map

Address	Name	Description
0000-3FFF		ROM of Spectrum
4000-47FF		Display file (top)
4800-4FFF		Display file (middle)
5000-57FF		Display file (bottom)
5800-5AFF		Attribute file.
5B00-5BFF		System variables 128K RAM (former Printer buffer)
5C00-5CEF		System variables
	*CHANS	Stream map
	*PROG	Basic program
	*VARS	Basic variables
	*E_LINE	Line in editing
	*WORKSP	Workspace
	*STKBOT	Floating point Stack Bottom
	*STKEND	Floating point end
	*SP	Z80 Stack Pointer register in Basic
61FF	*RAMTOP	Logical RAM top (RAMTOP var is 23730)
6200-6300		IM2 ISR vector table
6301-6330		Return Stack during ISR (20 entries)
6331-6362		Stack area during OS operations
6363		ISR entry point (JP address)
6366	ORIGIN	Forth Origin
		FENCE @
	LATEST	CURRENT @ @
	HERE	DP @
	PAD	HERE 68 + (44h)
	...	Dictionary grows upward
	...	Free memory
	SP@	Calculator Stack grows downward
D0E8		S0 @
D0E8	TIB	TIB @
	RP@	Return Stack grows downward: it can hold 80 entries
D188		R0 @
D188-D1D8		User variables area (about 50 entries)
D1E4	FIRST	First buffer: There are 7 buffers (516 * 7 = 3612 bytes)
E000	LIMIT	First byte outside Forth.
E000-FFFF	MMU7	8K Page that can page any of the 224 banks of RAM
FFFF	P_RAMT	Physical ram-top

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