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## 1 Introduction

Many times while developing software systems, the need arises for a way to access specific members of a Partitioned Data Set or PDS. To accomplish this in JCL is as simple as coding DSN with a members (i.e. DSN=SOME.PDS(MEMBER)). To accomplish this in an assembler program, it can be done using various data management macros (i.e. BLDL,FIND etc). However, programs coded in other languages cannot access members of a PDS except via the JCL while treating the member as a sequential dataset.

I came up with a solution to the problem of accessing members of a PDS from a program. I found a program in the TK3 system called NCZ93205 which provides access to a PDS and any member within it. With some enhancements, a routine to sequentially read the PDS directory and access any and all members of the PDS.

There are three sample programs – PDSUNLDC, PDSUNLDP and PDSCANR – that demonstrate how to process an entire PDS. PDSUNLD? Reads the PDS directory and for each member write an IEBUPDTE statement to an output dataset followed by the member. This output dataset can be used as input to the IEBUPDTE or IEBUPDTEX to create/recreate a PDS. Remember that these are samples to demonstrate how to use the subroutines and not to replace other utilities like IEBCOPY.

PDSCANR is a program to scan an entire PDS for given strings of text and produce a report of the

members that have matches to the given strings.

## **2 Installation**

To install the PDSUTIL package, follow the instructions in the README files. There is one in ASCII to view on the PC. There is another to view on TK5.

## **3 Execution**

There are no special requirements for execution other than the DD statement for the PDS in the JCL. If so desired, the GETPDS and GETPDSP can be dynamically loaded using DYNALDA and DYNALDP respectively. These can be found on Jay Moseley's ([jaymoseley.com](http://jaymoseley.com)) SYSCPK.

## **4 Coding**

This section explains how to code your COBOL or PL/1 programs to use the routine. COBOL copybooks and PL/1 includes are provided for the parameters to the routines.

### **4.1 COBOL**

In the working storage section, you will need to use the COPY statement to access the parms. For example:

```
01 PDSGET-PARAMETERS COPY PDSGETPA.
```

The LIB option must be given to the COBOL compiler from the exec statement:

```
.....,PARM='LIB,....other parms'
```

Use the following to call PDSGET:

```
CALL 'GETPDS' USING PDSGET-REQUEST,  
      PDSGET-MEMBER,  
      PDSGET-RECORD.
```

### **4.2 PL/1**

In the program code somewhere so these DECLAREs are in the scope of variables to the CALL statement. I suggest within the MAIN procedure so the variable are known within the entire program. You will need to use the %INCLUDE statement to access the parms. For example:

```
%INCLUDE PDSGETPA;
```

The MACRO option must be given to the PL/1 compiler from the exec statement:

```
.....,PARM='MACRO,....other parms'
```

Use the following to call PDSGETP:

```
CALL GETPDSP (PDSGET_REQUEST_1,  
              PDSGET_MEMBER_1,  
              PDSGET_RECORD80_1,  
              PDSGET_RETURN_CODE_1);
```

## **4.3 Request Codes**

This section explains request codes. The explanations are generic. Unless otherwise stated, the text applies to both COBOL and PL/1. After each call to the routine, the return code should be checked. In COBOL, the special register RETURN-CODE is used. In PL/1, the parameter return\_code should be used.

### **4.3.1 Open Request**

The request in the parm area is set to the request code. Member is set to the DDNAME of the PDS to be accessed. If left blank, PDSIN is assumed. The record area is not used but must be given in the call.

### **4.3.2. Close Request**

The request in the parm area is set to the request code. Member and record area are not used but must be given in the call.

### **4.3.3 Locate Request**

The request in the parm area is set to the request code. Member is set to the name of the member to be accessed. The read routine will be positioned to start with the first record in the member. If the member is found, the record area will be populated. If member has ISPF/RPF statistics, the record area will be populated. If the member is not found, the record area will be spaces.

### **4.3.4 Read Request**

The request in the parm area is set to the request code. Upon return, the next record to be read is returned in the record area or a return code indicating end of member.

### **4.3.5 Start Request**

The request in the parm area is set to the request code. The PDS directory is positioned to start a directory browse at the first member greater than or equal to the member name given. Record area is not returned.

### **4.3.6 Next Request**

The request in the parm area is set to the request code. The PDS directory is advanced to the next member to be accessed. Record area is not returned. Read requests can be issued.

### **4.3.7 COBOL Return Codes**

The special register RETURN-CODE is used to test the return codes. For all requests, 0 means success. For all requests, 8 means failure which should be considered as fatal. For most requests, 4 means the request was not successful but not fatal. For NEXT, RC 4 indicate end of directory. For LOCATE, RC 4 indicates member not found. For READ, RC 4 indicate end of member.

### **4.3.8 PL/1 Return Codes**

A special register like COBOL's RETURN-CODE does not exist. So the forth parm is added to the call. For all requests, 0 means success. For all requests, 8 means failure which should be considered as fatal. For most requests, 4 means the request was not successful but not fatal. For NEXT, RC 4 indicate end of directory. For LOCATE, RC 4 indicates member not found. For READ, RC 4 indicate end of member.

## **4.4 RPF/ISPF Statistics**

These statistic are obtained from the PDS directory if present. Otherwise they are all blank. Dates are returned in Julian format (YYYYDDD). Time fields are UNSIGNED packed fields. For COBOL, there are instructions in the copybook how to use the provided fields to do the conversion. For PL/1, there is a function (PDS\_TIME\_CONVERSION) is included in the INCLUDE. See the INCLUDE.

## 5 COBOL Copybook

```
***** GETPDSPA V1.2.0 *****
*****
* NAME: GETPDSPA - PARM LIST DEFINITIONS FOR GETPDS V1.3.0 *
*
* NOTE: THERE IS A PL/1 VERSION OF THIS. THEY SHOULD BE KEPT *
*       IN SYNC. *
*
*****
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* OWNER. *
*
*****
* REVISION HISTORY *
* ----- *
* V1.1.0 INITIAL VERSION. *
* V1.2.0 ADDED THE DEFINITION OF MEMBERS STATS AND ADDED *
*         WORK AREAS FOR STATISTICS CODE CONVERSION. *
*
*****
01 PDSGET-PARAMETERS.
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST      PIC S9(08)  COMP.
    02 PDSGET-MEMBER        PIC X(08).
    02 PDSGET-RECORD        PIC X(255).
    02 FILLER               REDEFINES PDSGET-RECORD.
        03 PDSGET-RECORD80   PIC X(80).
        03 FILLER             PIC X(75).
    02 FILLER               REDEFINES PDSGET-RECORD.
        03 PDS-C              PIC X.
        03 PDS-VERSION        PIC X.
        03 PDS-MOD            PIC X.
        03 PDS-NULL           PIC XX.
        03 PDS-DATE-CREATED   PIC S9(7)  COMP-3.
        03 PDS-DATE-UPDATED   PIC S9(7)  COMP-3.
        03 PDS-TIME-CHANGED-H PIC X.
        03 PDS-TIME-CHANGED-M PIC X.
        03 PDS-CURRENT-LINES  PIC S9(4)  COMP.
        03 PDS-INITIAL-LINES  PIC S9(4)  COMP.
        03 PDS-CHANGED-LINES   PIC S9(4)  COMP.
        03 PDS-USER-ID         PIC X(8).
```

## Partitioned Dataset Member Access Routines V1.0.1

```
01 PDSGET-REQUEST-CODES.  
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST-OPEN      PIC S9(08) COMP   VALUE +0.  
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST-START    PIC S9(08) COMP   VALUE +1.  
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST-LOCATE   PIC S9(08) COMP   VALUE +4.  
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST-NEXT    PIC S9(08) COMP   VALUE +5.  
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST-READ    PIC S9(08) COMP   VALUE +8.  
    02 PDSGET-REQUEST-CLOSE   PIC S9(08) COMP   VALUE +12.  
  
*  
* PDSGET_RETURN_CODE DEFINITIONS  
*     RETURN_CODE 0 = SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REQUEST  
*     RETURN_CODE 8 = SERIOUS ERROR.  
*     RETURN_CODE 4 = DEPENDS ON REQUEST CODE  
*             REQUEST_CODE      MEANING  
*             0      PDS COULD NOT BE OPENED.  
*             1      PDS COULD NOT BE OPENED.  
*             4      MEMBER NOT FOUND.  
*             5      END OF DIRECTORY.  
*             8      END OF CURRENT MEMBER.  
*  
01 PDSGET-WORK-AREAS.  
*  
* PDS-TIME-CHANGED -H AND -M ARE UNSIGNED PACKED DECIMALS  
* THEY MUST TO CONVERTED TO SIGNED PACK DECIMAL TO USE THEM.  
* THE FOLLOWING AREAS CAN BE USED FOR THAT.  
*  
* MOVE PDS-TIME-CHANGED-? TO PDS-TIME-CHAR.  
* MOVE PDS-TIME-WORK      TO PDS-4 DIGIT-TIME.  
*  
* PDS-TIME WILL HAVE A USABLE FORM OF THE HOUR OR MIN.  
*  
* THIS CONVERSION MUST TAKE PLACE FOR BOTH THE -H AND =M  
* PDS-TIME-CHANGED- FIELDS.  
*  
    05 PDS-TIME-CONVERSION.  
        10 PDS-TIME-WORK      PIC S9(5) COMP-3 VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER              REDEFINES PDS-TIME-CONVERSION.  
        10 FILLER            PIC X.  
        10 PDS-TIME-CHAR    PIC X.  
        10 FILLER            PIC X.  
  
    05 PDS-4-DIGIT-TIME    PIC 9(4).  
    05 FILLER              REDEFINES PDS-4-DIGIT-TIME.  
        10 FILLER            PIC X.  
        10 PDS-TIME          PIC 99.  
        10 FILLER            PIC X.  
  
***** GETPDSPA V1.2.0 END *****
```

## 6 PL/1 INCLUDE

```

***** GETPDSPA V1.2.0 *****
*****
/*
/* NAME: GETPDSPA - PARM LIST DEFINITIONS FOR GETPDS V1.3.0 */
/*
/* NOTE: THERE IS A COBOL VERSION OF THIS. THEY SHOULD BE KEPT */
/* IN SYNC. */
/*
***** */
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/*
***** */
/*
/* REVISION HISTORY */
/* ----- */
/* V1.1.0 INITIAL VERSION. */
/* V1.2.0 ADDED THE DEFINITION OF MEMBERS STATS AND ADDED */
/* WORK AREAS FOR STATISTICS CODE CONVERSION. */
/*
***** */

DECLARE
 1 PDSGET_PARAMETERS STATIC ALIGNED,
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST_OPEN INITIAL(0) FIXED BINARY(31),
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST_START INITIAL(1) FIXED BINARY(31),
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST_LOCATE INITIAL(4) FIXED BINARY(31),
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST_NEXT INITIAL(5) FIXED BINARY(31),
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST_READ INITIAL(8) FIXED BINARY(31),
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST_CLOSE INITIAL(12) FIXED BINARY(31);
DECLARE
 1 PDSGET_REQUEST_1 STATIC,
 2 PDSGET_REQUEST FIXED BINARY(31),
 1 PDSGET_MEMBER_1 STATIC,
 2 PDSGET_MEMBER CHAR(8), /* DDNAME FOR OPEN */
 1 PDSGET_RECORD80_1 STATIC,
 2 PDSGET_RECORD80 CHAR(80),
 1 PDSGET_RETURN_CODE_1 STATIC,
 2 PDSGET_RETURN_CODE FIXED BINARY(31);
***** */
/*
/* PDSGET_RETURN_CODE DEFINITIONS */
/* RETURN_CODE 0 = SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REQUEST */

```

## Partitioned Dataset Member Access Routines V1.0.1

```
/*
 *      RETURN_CODE 8 = SERIOUS ERROR.                      */
/*      RETURN_CODE 4 = DEPENDS ON REQUEST CODE           */
/*      REQUEST_CODE    MEANING                         */
/*          0        PDS COULD NOT BE OPENED.             */
/*          1        PDS COULD NOT BE OPENED.             */
/*          4        MEMBER NOT FOUND.                   */
/*          5        END OF DIRECTORY.                  */
/*          8        END OF CURRENT MEMBER.            */
/*                                                 */
/****** */

DECLARE
    PDGET_PTR    POINTER,
    1 PDGET_STATISTICS      BASED(PDGET_PTR),
    2 PDS_C                CHAR(1),
    2 PDS_VERSION          CHAR(1),
    2 PDS_MOD               CHAR(1),
    2 PDS_NULL              CHAR(2),
    2 PDS_DATE_CREATED     FIXED DECIMAL(7,0),
    2 PDS_DATE_UPDATED     FIXED DECIMAL(7,0),
    2 PDS_TIME_CHANGED_H   CHAR(1),
    2 PDS_TIME_CHANGED_M   CHAR(1),
    2 PDS_CURRENT_LINES    FIXED BINARY(15),
    2 PDS_INITIAL_LINES    FIXED BINARY(15),
    2 PDS_CHANGED_LINES    FIXED BINARY(15),
    2 PDS_USER_ID           CHAR(8);

/****** */
/* * PDS-TIME-CHANGED -H AND -M ARE UNSIGNED PACKED DECIMALS   */
/* * THEY MUST TO CONVERTED TO SIGNED PACK DECIMAL TO USE THEM. */
/* * THE PDS_TIME_CONVERSION FUNCTION CAN BE USED FOR THAT.    */
/* *                                                       */
/* * THIS CONVERSION MUST TAKE PLACE FOR BOTH THE -H AND =M    */
/* * PDS-TIME-CHANGED- FIELDS.                                     */
/* *                                                       */
/****** */

DECLARE PDS_TIME_CONVERSION ENTRY RETURNS(CHAR(2));
PDS_TIME_CONVERSION:PROC(A_BYTE) RETURNS(CHAR(2));
    DECLARE A_BYTE           CHAR(1);
    DECLARE
        PDS_FILLER1_PTR    POINTER,
        PDS_FILLER4_PTR    POINTER,
        PDS_TIME_WORK       FIXED DECIMAL(5,0) INITIAL(0),
        1 PDS_FILLER1        BASED(PDS_FILLER1_PTR),
        10 FILLER2           CHAR(1),
        10 PDS_TIME_CHAR     CHAR(1),
        10 FILLER3           CHAR(1),
        1 PDS_4_DIGIT_TIME   PIC '(4)9',
        1 FILLER4           BASED(PDS_FILLER4_PTR),
        10 FILLER5           CHAR(1),
        10 PDS_TIME           CHAR(2),
        10 FILLER6           CHAR(1);
```

## Partitioned Dataset Member Access Routines V1.0.1

```
PDS_FILLER1_PTR = ADDR(PDS_TIME_WORK);
PDS_FILLER4_PTR = ADDR(PDS_4_DIGIT_TIME);

PDS_TIME_WORK = 0;
PDS_TIME_CHAR = A_BYTEx;
PDS_4_DIGIT_TIME = PDS_TIME_WORK;
RETURN(PDS_TIME);
END PDS_TIME_CONVERSION;
***** GETPDSPA V1.2.0 END *****
```