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MACRO PROCESSORS

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- A macro instruction (abbreviated to *macro*) is simply a notational convenience for the programmer.
- Macros are special code fragments that are defined once in the program and are used repetitively by calling them from various places within the program
- A macro represents a commonly used group of statements in the source programming language
- Expanding a macros
 - Replace each macro instruction with the corresponding group of source language statements



- E.g.
 - On SIC/XE requires a sequence of seven instructions to save the contents of all registers
 - Write one statement like SAVERGS
- A macro processor is not directly related to the architecture of the computer on which it is to run
- Macro processors can also be used with high-level programming languages, OS command languages, etc.



➤ Macro

- ❑ the statement of expansion are generated each time the macro are invoked

➤ Subroutine

- ❑ the statement in a subroutine appears only once



➤ Size

- If size is significantly high with substitution for macro,
 - Compiled/assembled program will be very big
 - * Slow down the program execution
 - * Not preferable ..Subprogram suitable

- Suitable for small program

➤ Number of parameters

- A large number of parameters in a subprogram will necessitate creating all of them in the stack
 - Require large stack-area and may slow down execution



➤ Debugging

□ Easier with subprogram

- Execution stopped in entry point
- For macro source line number where macro is replaced

➤ Recursion

□ Cannot be implemented with macro

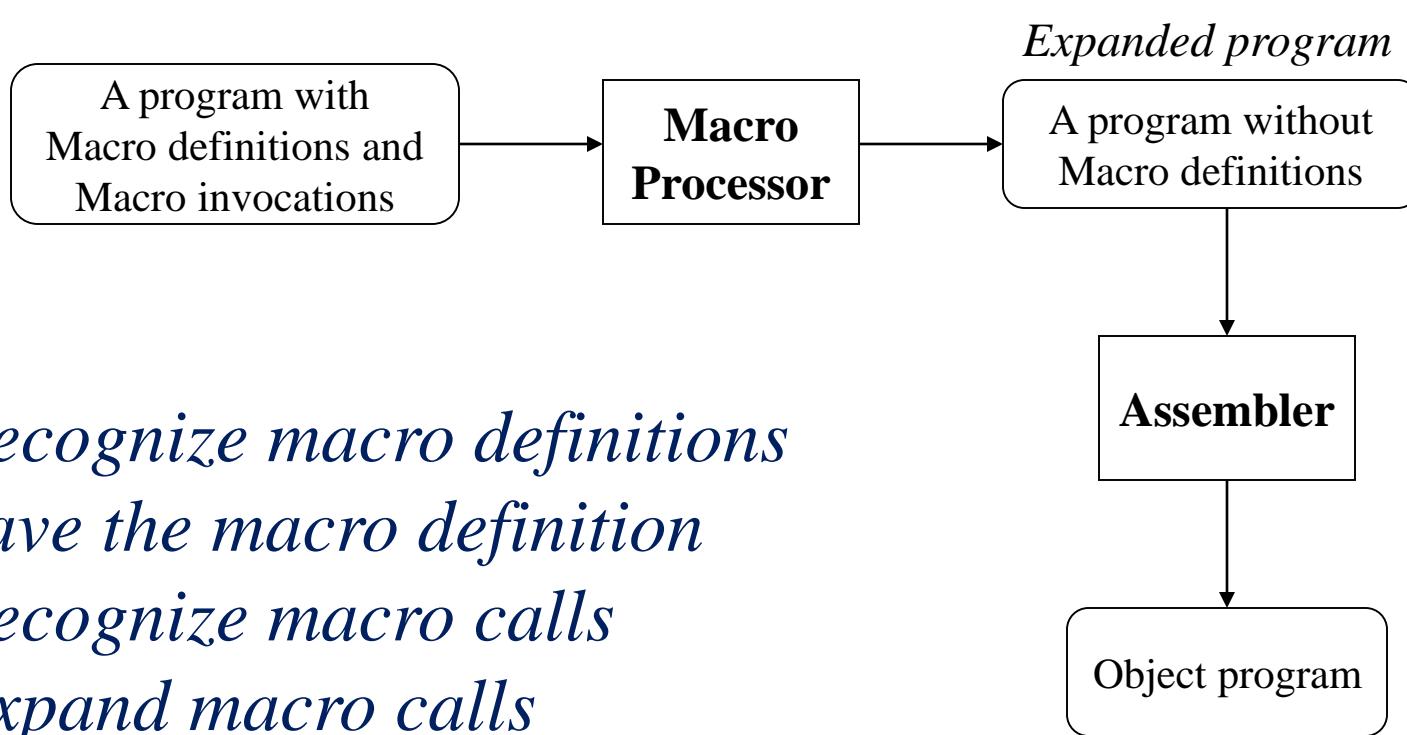
- Recursion call on run time not in compile time

➤ Parameter passing

□ Macro normally support call by value not call by references



- Macro-processor
 - The task of this system is to replace each macro instruction with the corresponding group of source language statements
- Macro-call
 - A macro name is used in an assembly source program
 - Macro is called by name
- Macro-expansion
 - The output of the macroprocessor where macro-call instruction is replaced by its corresponding group of instruction.
 - The output program is termed as macro expanded output





➤ Macro Definition

- Two new assembler directives

- In SIC/XE
 - * MACRO
 - * MEND
- In nasm
 - * % macro
 - * %end macro

- A pattern or prototype for the macro instruction

- Macro name and parameters

- See next picture



➤ Macro Definition

- ❑ copy code
- ❑ parameter substitution
- ❑ conditional macro expansion
- ❑ macro instruction defining macros

➤ Major Challenge

- ❑ Local Lables in macro
- ❑ Nested Macros
 - Macro defining nesting (most challenging)
 - Macro call nesting



Source

STRG MACRO

 STA DATA1

 STB DATA2

 STX DATA3

 MEND

STRG

STRG

Expanded source

{ STA DATA1
 STB DATA2
 STX DATA3

{ STA DATA1
 STB DATA2
 STX DATA3



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PARAMETER SUBSTITUTION -- EXAMPLE

Source

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STRG MACRO &a1, &a2, &a3
        STA    &a1
        STB    &a2
        STX    &a3
        MEND

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STRG DATA1, DATA2, DATA3

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STRG DATA4, DATA5, DATA6
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Expanded source

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{ STA DATA1
 STB DATA2
 STX DATA3

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{ STA DATA4
 STB DATA5
 STX DATA6



Line

Source statement

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5      COPY      START      0          COPY FILE FROM INPUT TO OUTPUT
10     RDBUFF   MACRO      &INDEV, &BUFADR, &RECLTH
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20     .          MACRO TO READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
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30     .          CLEAR      X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
35     .          CLEAR      A
40     .          CLEAR      S
45     +LDT      #4096      SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
50     TD        =X'&INDEV'
55     JEQ       *-3         LOOP UNTIL READY
60     RD        =X'&INDEV'
65     COMPR    A,S         TEST FOR END OF RECORD
70     JEQ       *+11        EXIT LOOP IF EOR
75     STCH     &BUFADR, X  STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80     TIXR     T           LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
85     JLT      *-19        HAS BEEN REACHED
90     STX      &RECLTH    SAVE RECORD LENGTH
95     MEND
100    WRBUFF   MACRO      &OUTDEV, &BUFADR, &RECLTH
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110    .          MACRO TO WRITE RECORD FROM BUFFER
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120    .          CLEAR      X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
125    LDT       &RECLTH
130    LDCH     &BUFADR, X  GET CHARACTER FROM BUFFER
135    TD        =X'&OUTDEV'
140    JEQ       *-3         TEST OUTPUT DEVICE
145    WD        =X'&OUTDEV'
150    TIXR     T           LOOP UNTIL READY
155    JLT      *-14        WRITE CHARACTER
160    MEND
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170    .          MAIN PROGRAM
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180    FIRST    STL        RETADR    SAVE RETURN ADDRESS
190    CLOOP   RDBUFF   F1, BUFFER, LENGTH  READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
195    LDA      LENGTH      TEST FOR END OF FILE
200    COMP     #0
205    JEQ       ENDFIL    EXIT IF EOF FOUND
210    WRBUFF  05, BUFFER, LENGTH  WRITE OUTPUT RECORD
215    J        CLOOP      LOOP
220    ENDFIL  WRBUFF  05, EOF, THREE  INSERT EOF MARKER
225    J        @RETADR
230    EOF      BYTE      C'EOF'
235    THREE   WORD      3
240    RETADR  RESW      1
245    LENGTH  RESW      1          LENGTH OF RECORD
250    BUFFER  RESB      4096     4096-BYTE BUFFER AREA
255    END      FIRST

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Figure 4.1 Use of macros in a SIC/XE program.



- Macro invocation
 - Often referred to as a *macro call*
 - Need the name of the macro instruction begin invoked and the arguments to be used in expanding the macro
- Expanded program
 - Figure 4.2
 - No macro instruction definitions
 - Each macro invocation statement has been expanded into the statements that form the body of the macro, with the arguments from the macro invocation substituted for the parameters in the prototype



Line

Source statement

5	COPY	START	0	COPY FILE FROM INPUT TO OUTPUT
180	FIRST	STL	RETADR	SAVE RETURN ADDRESS
190	.CLOOP	RDBUFF	F1,BUFFER,LENGTH	READ RECORD INTO BUFFER
190a	CLOOP	CLEAR	X	CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
190b		CLEAR	A	
190c		CLEAR	S	
190d	+LDT	#4096		SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
190e	TD	=X'F1'		TEST INPUT DEVICE
190f	JEQ	*-3		LOOP UNTIL READY
190g	RD	=X'F1'		READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
190h	COMPR	A,S		TEST FOR END OF RECORD
190i	JEQ	*+11		EXIT LOOP IF EOR
190j	STCH	BUFFER,X		STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
190k	TIXR	T		LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
190l	JLT	*-19		HAS BEEN REACHED
190m	STX	LENGTH		SAVE RECORD LENGTH
195	LDA	LENGTH		TEST FOR END OF FILE
200	COMP	#0		
205	JEQ	ENDFIL		EXIT IF EOF FOUND
210	WRBUFF	05,BUFFER,LENGTH		WRITE OUTPUT RECORD
210a	CLEAR	X		CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
210b	LDT	LENGTH		
210c	LDCH	BUFFER,X		GET CHARACTER FROM BUFFER
210d	TD	=X'05'		TEST OUTPUT DEVICE
210e	JEQ	*-3		LOOP UNTIL READY
210f	WD	=X'05'		WRITE CHARACTER
210g	TIXR	T		LOOP UNTIL ALL CHARACTERS
210h	JLT	*-14		HAVE BEEN WRITTEN
215	J	CLOOP		LOOP
220	.ENDFIL	WRBUFF	05,EOF,THREE	INSERT EOF MARKER
220a	ENDFIL	CLEAR	X	CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
220b	LDT	THREE		
220c	LDCH	EOF,X		GET CHARACTER FROM BUFFER
220d	TD	=X'05'		TEST OUTPUT DEVICE
220e	JEQ	*-3		LOOP UNTIL READY
220f	WD	=X'05'		WRITE CHARACTER
220g	TIXR	T		LOOP UNTIL ALL CHARACTERS
220h	JLT	*-14		HAVE BEEN WRITTEN
225	J	@RETADR		
230	EOF	BYTE	C'EOF'	
235	THREE	WORD	3	
240	RETADR	RESW	1	
245	LENGTH	RESW	1	LENGTH OF RECORD
250	BUFFER	RESB	4096	4096-BYTE BUFFER AREA
255		END	FIRST	

Figure 4.2 Program from Fig. 4.1 with macros expanded.



- Macro invocations and subroutine calls are different
- Note also that the macro instructions have been written so that the body of the macro contains no label
 - ❑ Why?



- It is easy to design a two-pass macro processor
 - Pass 1:
 - All macro definitions are processed
 - Pass 2:
 - All macro invocation statements are expanded
- However, a two-pass macro processor would not allow the body of one macro instruction to contain definitions of other macros
 - See Figure 4.3

1	MACROS	MACRO	{Defines SIC standard version macros}
2	RDBUFF	MACRO	&INDEV,&BUFADR,&RECLTH
		.	.
		.	{SIC standard version}
		.	.
3		MEND	{End of RDBUFF}
4	WRBUFF	MACRO	&OUTDEV,&BUFADR,&RECLTH
		.	.
		.	{SIC standard version}
		.	.
5		MEND	{End of WRBUFF}
		.	.
		.	.
6		MEND	{End of MACROS}

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1	MACROX	MACRO	{Defines SIC/XE macros}
2	RDBUFF	MACRO	&INDEV,&BUFADR,&RECLTH
		.	.
		.	{SIC/XE version}
		.	.
3		MEND	{End of RDBUFF}
4	WRBUFF	MACRO	&OUTDEV,&BUFADR,&RECLTH
		.	.
		.	{SIC/XE version}
		.	.
5		MEND	{End of WRBUFF}
		.	.
		.	.
6		MEND	{End of MACROX}

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Figure 4.3 Example of the definition of macros within a macro body.



- Sub-Macro definitions are only processed when an invocation of their Super-Macros are expanded
 - See Figure 4.3: RDBUFF
- A one-pass macro processor that can alternate between macro definition and macro expansions able to handle macros like those in Figure 4.3



- Because of the one-pass structure, the definition of a macro must appear in the source program before any statements that invoke that macro
- Three main data structures involved in an one-pass macro processor
 - ❑ DEFTAB/ MDT(Macro definition table),
 - ❑ NAMTAB/MNT(Macro name table),
 - ❑ ARGTAB/ALA(Argument List array)



- DEFTAB/ MDT(Macro definition table)
 - The body of a newly defined macro is put into MDT
 - One dimensional array of character strings
 - Contains lines of a macro
- NAMTAB/MNT(Macro name table)
 - Name-the name of macro being defined
 - Num-of-parameters
 - Numbers of parameters of the macro
 - MDT-start-index
 - MDT-end-index
- ARGTAB/ALA(Argument List array)
- Dynamically created

Name	Num-of-parameters	MDT-start-index	MDT-end-index

Previous Frame Pointer
Current Frame Pointer
Arguments list

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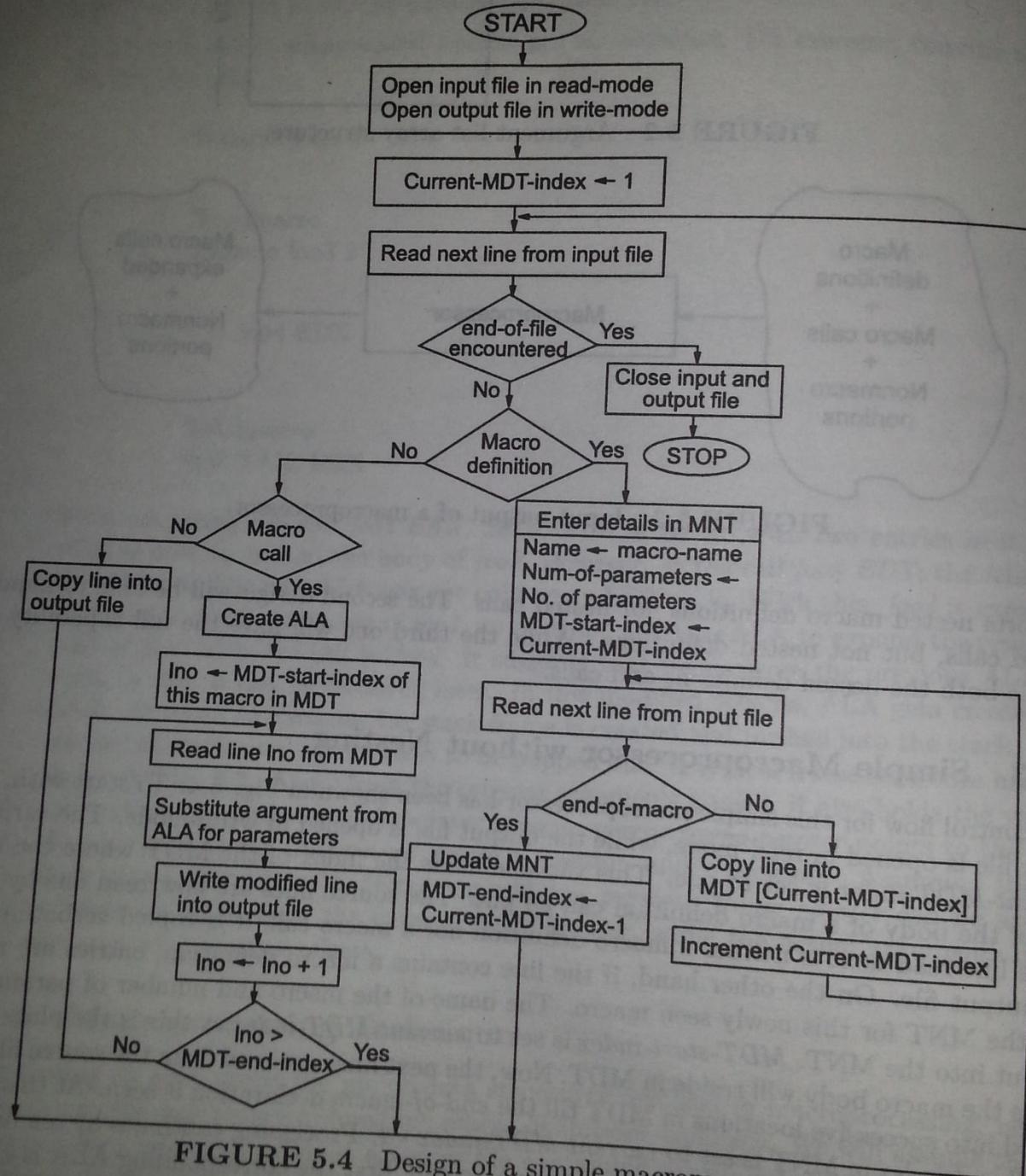


FIGURE 5.4 Design of a simple macroprocessor.

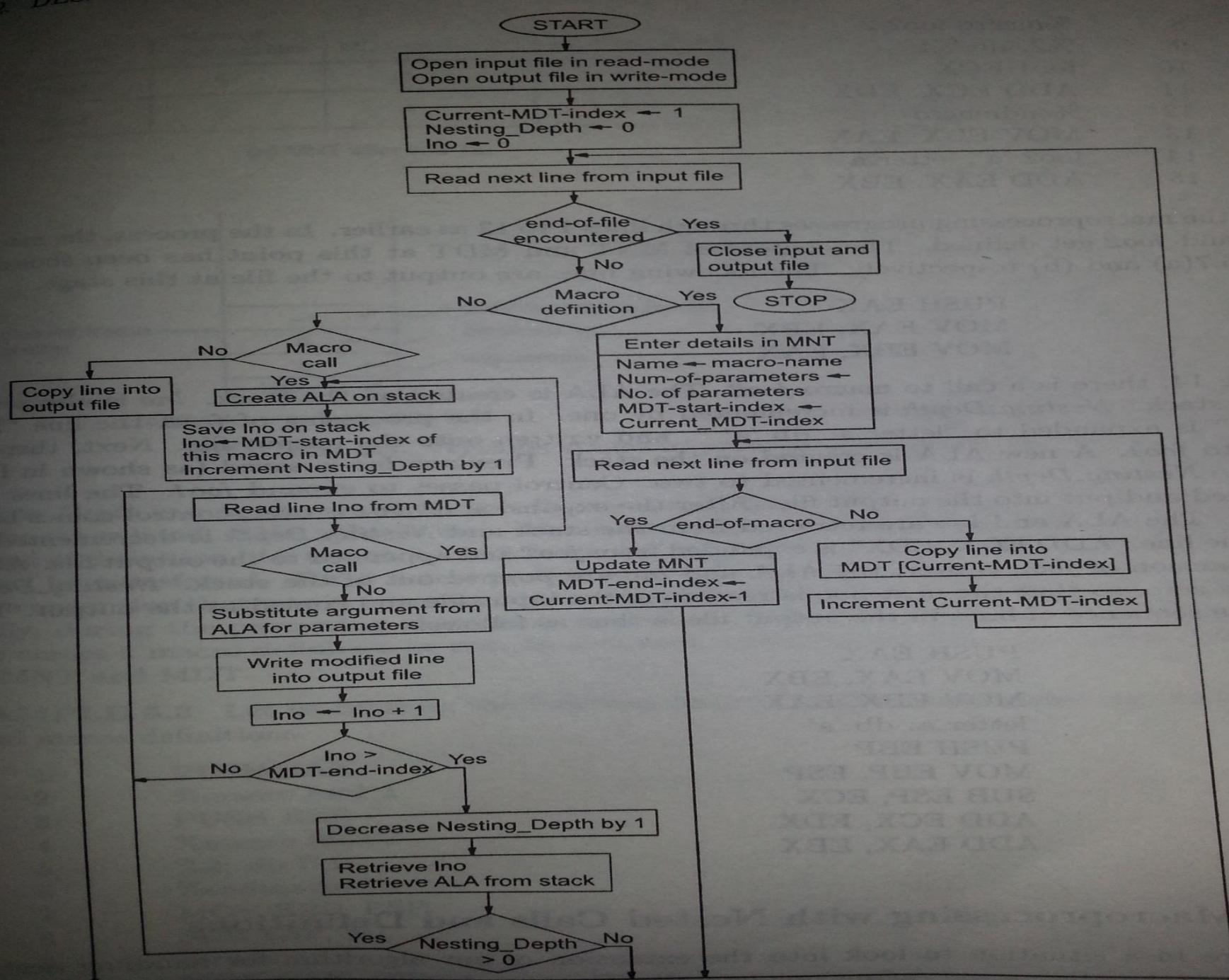
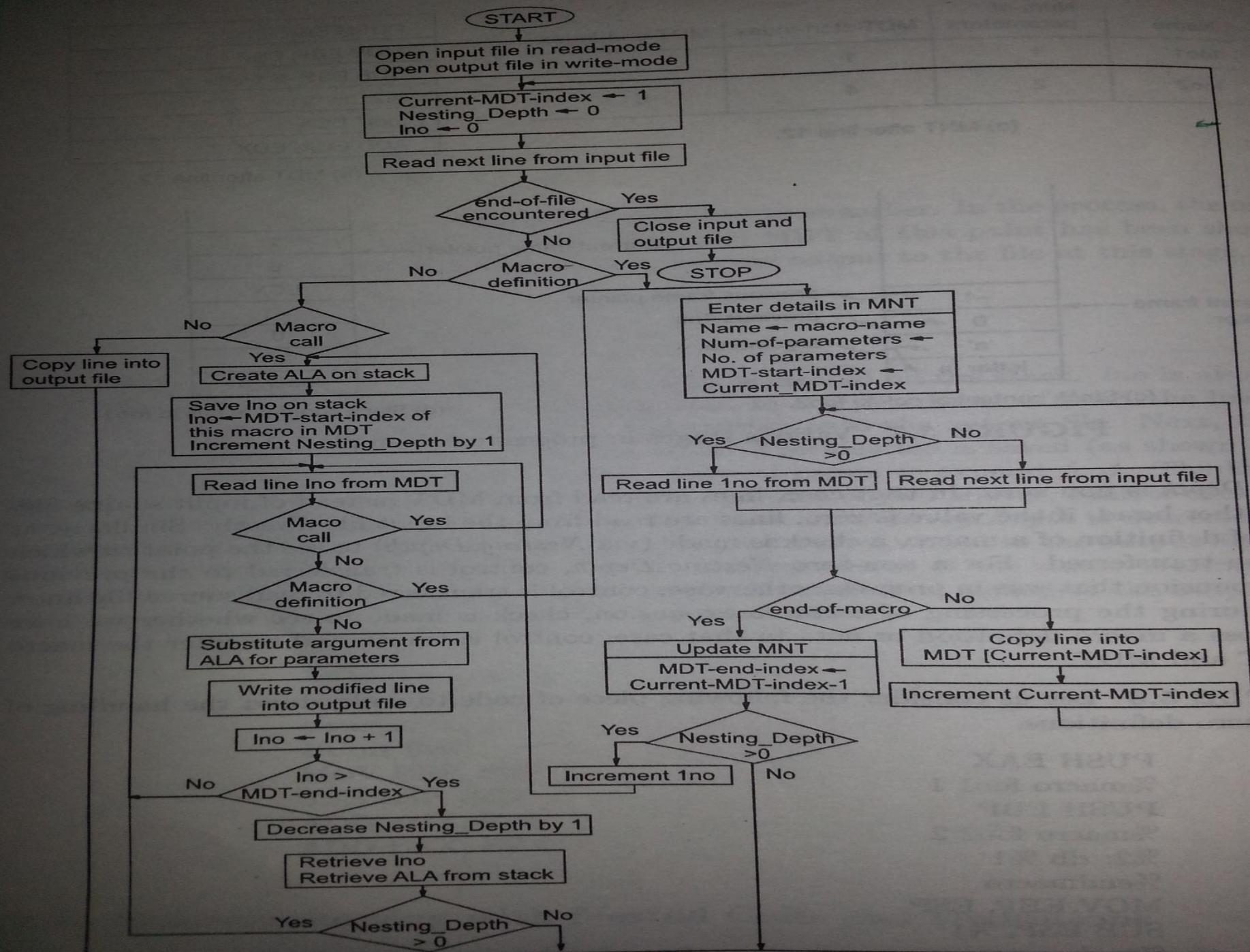


FIGURE 5.6 The Design of a macroprocessor with nested calls.





➤ Single pass

- every macro must be defined before it is called
- one-pass processor can alternate between macro definition and macro expansion
- nested macro definitions may be allowed but nested calls are not

➤ Two pass algorithm

- Pass1: Recognize macro definitions
- Pass2: Recognize macro calls
- nested macro definitions are not allowed



- Concatenation of Macro Parameters
- Generation of Unique Labels
- Conditional Macro Expansion
- Keyword Macro Parameters



CONCATENATION OF MACRO PARAMETERS

- Most macro processors allow parameters to be concatenated with other character strings
 - The need of a special catenation operator
 - LDA X&ID1
 - LDA X&ID
 - The catenation operator
 - LDA X&ID→1
- See figure 4.6



1	SUM	MACRO	&ID
2		LDA	X&ID→1
3		ADD	X&ID→2
4		ADD	X&ID→3
5		STA	X&ID→S
6		MEND	

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SUM A



LDA	XA1
ADD	XA2
ADD	XA3
STA	XAS

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SUM BETA



LDA	XBETA1
ADD	XBETA2
ADD	XBETA3
STA	XBETAS

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Figure 4.6 Concatenation of macro parameters.



- It is in general not possible for the body of a macro instruction to contain labels of the usual kind
 - Leading to the use of relative addressing at the source statement level
 - Only be acceptable for short jumps
- Solution:
 - Allowing the creation of special types of labels within macro instructions
 - See Figure 4.7
 - Labels used within the macro body begin with the special character \$
 - Programmers are instructed not to use \$ in their source programs



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25   RDBUFF  MACRO    &INDEV,&BUFADR,&RECLTH
30           CLEAR    X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
35           CLEAR    A
40           CLEAR    S
45           +LDT     #4096    SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
50   $LOOP    TD       =X'&INDEV' TEST INPUT DEVICE
55           JEQ      $LOOP    LOOP UNTIL READY
60           RD       =X'&INDEV' READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
65           COMPR   A,S      TEST FOR END OF RECORD
70           JEQ      $EXIT   EXIT LOOP IF EOR
75           STCH    &BUFADR,X STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80           TIXR    T        LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
85           JLT     $LOOP    HAS BEEN REACHED
90   $EXIT    STX     &RECLTH SAVE RECORD LENGTH
95   MEND

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25   RDBUFF  F1,BUFFER,LENGTH
30           CLEAR    X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
35           CLEAR    A
40           CLEAR    S
45           +LDT     #4096    SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
50   $AALOOP  TD       =X'F1'  TEST INPUT DEVICE
55           JEQ      $AALOOP  LOOP UNTIL READY
60           RD       =X'F1'  READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
65           COMPR   A,S      TEST FOR END OF RECORD
70           JEQ      $AAEXIT  EXIT LOOP IF EOR
75           STCH    BUFFER,X STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80           TIXR    T        LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
85           JLT     $AALOOP  HAS BEEN REACHED
90   $AAEXIT  STX     LENGTH  SAVE RECORD LENGTH

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Figure 4.7 Generation of unique labels within macro expansion.



CONDITIONAL MACRO EXPANSION

- Most macro processors can modify the sequence of statements generated for a macro expansion, depending on the arguments supplied in the macro invocation
- See Figure 4.8



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25      RDBUFF    MACRO      &INDEV, &BUFADR, &RECLTH, &EOR, &MAXLTH
26          IF        (&EOR NE '')
27          &EORCK   SET        1
28          ENDIF
29          CLEAR     X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
30          CLEAR     A
31          IF        (&EORCK EQ 1)
32          LDCH     =X'&EOR'
33          RMO      A,S
34          ENDIF
35          IF        (&MAXLTH EQ '')
36          +LDT     #4096      SET MAX LENGTH = 4096
37          ELSE
38          +LDT     #&MAXLTH    SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
39          ENDIF
40          $LOOP     TD        =X'&INDEV'
41          JEQ      $LOOP      TEST INPUT DEVICE
42          RD        =X'&INDEV'
43          IF        (&EORCK EQ 1)
44          COMPR    A,S
45          JEQ      $EXIT      READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
46          ENDIF
47          STCH     &BUFADR,X
48          TIXR     T
49          JLT       $LOOP      TEST FOR END OF RECORD
50          $EXIT     STX      EXIT LOOP IF EOR
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RDBUFF F3 , BUF , RECL , 04 , 2048

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30          CLEAR     X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
31          CLEAR     A
32          LDCH     =X'04'
33          RMO      A,S
34          +LDT     #2048      SET EOR CHARACTER
35          TD        =X'F3'
36          JEQ      $AALOOP    SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
37          RD        =X'F3'
38          COMPR    A,S
39          JEQ      $AAEXIT    TEST INPUT DEVICE
40          STCH     BUF,X
41          TIXR     T
42          JLT       $AALOOP    LOOP UNTIL READY
43          $AAEXIT   STX      READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
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Figure 4.8 Use of macro-time conditional statements.



RDBUFF 0E,BUFFER,LENGTH,,80

30	CLEAR	X	CLEAR LOOP COUNTER	
35	CLEAR	A		
47	+LDT	#80	SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH	
50	\$ABLOOP	TD	=X'0E'	TEST INPUT DEVICE
55		JEQ	\$ABLOOP	LOOP UNTIL READY
60		RD	=X'0E'	READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
75		STCH	BUFFER,X	STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80		TIXR	T	LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
87		JLT	\$ABLOOP	HAS BEEN REACHED
90	\$ABEXIT	STX	LENGTH	SAVE RECORD LENGTH

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RDBUFF F1,BUFF,RLENG,04

30	CLEAR	X	CLEAR LOOP COUNTER	
35	CLEAR	A		
40	LDCH	=X'04'	SET EOR CHARACTER	
42	RMO	A,S		
45	+LDT	#4096	SET MAX LENGTH = 4096	
50	\$ACLOOP	TD	=X'F1'	TEST INPUT DEVICE
55		JEQ	\$ACLOOP	LOOP UNTIL READY
60		RD	=X'F1'	READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
65	COMPR	A,S	TEST FOR END OF RECORD	
70	JEQ	\$ACEEXIT	EXIT LOOP IF EOR	
75	STCH	BUFF,X	STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER	
80	TIXR	T	LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH	
85	JLT	\$ACLOOP	HAS BEEN REACHED	
90	\$ACEEXIT	STX	RLENG	SAVE RECORD LENGTH

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Figure 4.8 (cont'd)

- Most macro processors can modify the sequence of statements generated for a macro expansion, depending on the arguments supplied in the macro invocation
- See Figure 4.8
 - Macro processor directive
 - IF, ELSE, ENDIF
 - SET
 - Macro-time variable (set symbol)
- WHILE-ENDW
 - See Figure 4.9

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25   RDBUFF    MACRO      &INDEV, &BUFADR, &RECLTH, &EOR
27   &EORCT    SET        %NITEMS (&EOR)
30   CLEAR      X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
35   CLEAR      A
45   +LDT       #4096     SET MAX LENGTH = 4096
50   $LOOP      TD         =X'&INDEV'
55   JEQ        $LOOP     LOOP UNTIL READY
60   RD         =X'&INDEV' READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
63   &CTR      SET        1
64   WHILE     (&CTR LE &EORCT)
65   COMP      =X' 0000&EOR [&CTR] '
70   JEQ        $EXIT    EXIT
71   &CTR      SET        &CTR+1
73   ENDW
75   STCH      &BUFADR, X STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80   TIXR      T          LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
85   JLT       $LOOP     HAS BEEN REACHED
90   $EXIT      STX       SAVE RECORD LENGTH
100  MEND

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RDBUFF F2 , BUFFER, LENGTH, (00,03,04)

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30   CLEAR      X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
35   CLEAR      A
45   +LDT       #4096     SET MAX LENGTH = 4096
50   $AALOOP    TD         TEST INPUT DEVICE
55   JEQ        $AALOOP   LOOP UNTIL READY
60   RD         =X'F2'    READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
65   COMP      =X' 000000' 
70   JEQ        $AAEXIT  EXIT
65   COMP      =X' 000003' 
70   JEQ        $AAEXIT  EXIT
65   COMP      =X' 000004' 
70   JEQ        $AAEXIT  EXIT
75   STCH      BUFFER, X STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80   TIXR      T          LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
85   JLT       $AALOOP   HAS BEEN REACHED
90   $AAEXIT    STX       SAVE RECORD LENGTH

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Figure 4.9 Use of macro-time looping statements.



➤ Positional parameters

- ❑ Parameters and arguments were associated with each other according to their positions in the macro prototype and the macro invocation statement
- ❑ Consecutive commas is necessary for a null argument

GENER,,DIRECT,,,3



➤ Keyword parameters

- Each argument value is written with a keyword that names the corresponding parameter
- A macro may have a large number of parameters , and only a few of these are given values in a typical invocation

GENER TYPE=DIRECT, CHANNEL=3

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25   RDBUFF    MACRO      &INDEV=F1 , &BUFADR= , &RECLTH= , &EOR=04 , &MAXLTH=4096
26           IF          (&EOR NE '')
27   &EORCK    SET         1
28           ENDIF
29           CLEAR       X          CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
30           CLEAR       A
31           IF          (&EORCK EQ 1)
32           LDCH       =X'&EOR'
33           RMO        A,S
34           ENDIF
35           +LDT       #&MAXLTH
36           $LOOP      TD        =X'&INDEV'
37           JEQ        $LOOP
38           RD         =X'&INDEV'
39           IF          (&EORCK EQ 1)
40           COMPR     A,S
41           JEQ        $EXIT
42           ENDIF
43           STCH       &BUFADR,X
44           TIXR      T
45           JLT        $LOOP
46           STX        &RECLTH
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RDBUFF BUFADR=BUFFER , RECLTH=LENGTH

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31           CLEAR       A
32           LDCH       =X'04'
33           RMO        A,S
34           +LDT       #4096
35           $AALOOP   TD        =X'F1'
36           JEQ        $AALOOP
37           RD         =X'F1'
38           COMPR     A,S
39           JEQ        $AAEXIT
40           STCH       BUFFER,X
41           TIXR      T
42           JLT        $AALOOP
43           STX        LENGTH
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Figure 4.10 Use of keyword parameters in macro instructions.



RDBUFF RECLTH=LENGTH, BUFADR=BUFFER, EOR=, INDEV=F3

30		CLEAR	X	CLEAR LOOP COUNTER
35		CLEAR	A	
47		+LDT	#4096	SET MAXIMUM RECORD LENGTH
50	\$ABLOOP	TD	=X'F3'	TEST INPUT DEVICE
55		JEQ	\$ABLOOP	LOOP UNTIL READY
60		RD	=X'F3'	READ CHARACTER INTO REG A
75		STCH	BUFFER, X	STORE CHARACTER IN BUFFER
80		TIXR	T	LOOP UNLESS MAXIMUM LENGTH
85		JLT	\$ABLOOP	HAS BEEN REACHED
90	\$ABEXIT	STX	LENGTH	SAVE RECORD LENGTH

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Figure 4.10 (cont'd)



- Macro processors have been developed for some high-level programming languages
- These special-purpose macro processors are similar in general function and approach; however, the details differ from language to language



- The advantages of such a general-purpose approach to macro processing are obvious
 - The programmer does not need to learn about a different macro facility for each compiler or assembler language, so much of the time and expense involved in training are eliminated
 - A substantial overall saving in software development cost



- In spite of the advantages noted, there are still relatively few general-purpose macro processors. Why?
 1. In a typical programming language, there are several situations in which normal macro parameter substitution should not occur
 - E.g. comments should usually be ignored by a macro processor



GENERAL-PURPOSE MACRO PROCESSORS

2. Another difference between programming languages is related to their facilities for grouping together terms, expressions, or statements
 - E.g. Some languages use keywords such as begin and end for grouping statements. Others use special characters such as { and }.



GENERAL-PURPOSE MACRO PROCESSORS

3. A more general problem involves the tokens of the programming language
 - E.g. identifiers, constants, operators, and keywords
 - E.g. blanks



GENERAL-PURPOSE MACRO PROCESSORS

4. Another potential problem with general-purpose macro processors involves the syntax used for macro definitions and macro invocation statements. With most special-purpose macro processors, macro invocations are very similar in form to statements in the source programming language



ANSI C MACRO LANGUAGE



- Definitions and invocations of macros are handled by a **preprocessor**, which is generally not integrated with the rest of the compiler.
- Examples:

```
#define NULL 0
```

```
#define EOF (-1)
```

```
#define EQ ==  
modification
```

→syntactic

```
#define ABSDIFF (X,Y) ( (X)>(Y) ? (X)-(Y) : (Y)-  
(X) )
```



- Parameter substitutions are not performed within quoted strings:

```
#define DISPLAY(EXPR) printf("EXPR= %d\n", EXPR)
```

- Macro expansion example

```
DISPLAY(I*j+1) → printf("EXPR= %d\n", I*j+1)
```

- A special “stringizing” operator, #, can be used to perform argument substitution in quoted strings:

```
#define DISPLAY(EXPR) printf(#EXPR " = %d\n", EXPR)
```

- Macro expansion example

```
DISPLAY(I*j+1) → printf("I*j+1" " = %d\n", I*j+1)
```



➤ Recursive macro definitions or invocations

- After a macro is expanded, the macro processor **rescans** the text that has been generated, looking for more macro definitions or invocations.
- Macro cannot invoke or define itself recursively.

DISPLAY(ABSDIFF(3,8))



printf("ABSDIFF(3,8)" " = %d\n", ABSDIFF(3,8))



printf("ABSDIFF(3,8)" " = %d\n", ((3)>(8) ? (3)-(8) : (8)-(3)))



- Conditional compilation statements
- Example 1:

```
#ifndef BUFFER_SIZE  
#define BUFFER_SIZE 1024  
#endif
```

- Example 2:

```
#define DEBUG 1  
:  
#if DEBUG == 1  
printf(...) /* debugging output */  
#endif
```



- Miscellaneous functions of the preprocessor of ANSI C
 - ❑ Trigraph sequences are replaced by their single-character equipments, e.g., ??< → {
 - ❑ Any source line that ends with a backlash, \, and a newline is spliced together with the following line.
 - ❑ Any source files included in response to an #include directive are processed.
 - ❑ Escape sequences are converted e.g., \n, \0
 - ❑ Adjacent string literals are concatenated, e.g., “hello,” “world” → “hello, world”.



➤ Preprocessing

- Occurs before program compiled
 - Inclusion of external files
 - Definition of symbolic constants
 - Macros
 - Conditional compilation
 - Conditional execution
- All directives begin with #
 - Can only have whitespace before directives
- Directives not C++ statements
 - Do not end with ;



- **#include** directive
 - Puts copy of file in place of directive
 - Seen many times in example code
 - Two forms
 - **#include <filename>**
 - * For standard library header files
 - * Searches predesignated directories
 - **#include "filename"**
 - * Searches in current directory
 - * Normally used for programmer-defined files



➤ Usage

- Loading header files

- `#include <stdio.h>`

- Programs with multiple source files

- Header file

- Has common declarations and definitions
 - Classes, structures, enumerations, function prototypes
 - Extract commonality of multiple program files

➤ **#define**

□ Symbolic constants

- Constants represented as symbols
- When program compiled, all occurrences replaced

□ Format

- **#define identifier replacement-text**
- **#define PI 3.14159**

□ Everything to right of identifier replaces text

- **#define PI=3.14159**
- Replaces **PI** with "**=3.14159**"
- Probably an error

□ Cannot redefine symbolic constants



- Advantages
 - ❑ Takes no memory
- Disadvantages
 - ❑ Name not be seen by debugger (only replacement text)
 - ❑ Do not have specific data type
- **const** variables preferred



➤ Macro

- ❑ Operation specified in **#define**
- ❑ Intended for legacy C programs
- ❑ Macro without arguments
 - Treated like a symbolic constant
- ❑ Macro with arguments
 - Arguments substituted for replacement text
 - Macro expanded
- ❑ Performs a text substitution
 - No data type checking



➤ Example

```
#define CIRCLE_AREA( x ) ( PI * ( x ) * ( x ) )
area = CIRCLE_AREA( 4 );
```

becomes

```
area = ( 3.14159 * ( 4 ) * ( 4 ) );
```

➤ Use parentheses

Without them,

```
#define CIRCLE_AREA( x ) PI * x * x
area = CIRCLE_AREA( c + 2 );
```

becomes

```
area = 3.14159 * c + 2 * c + 2;
```

which evaluates incorrectly

➤ Multiple arguments

```
#define RECTANGLE_AREA( x, y ) ( ( x ) * ( y ) )
rectArea = RECTANGLE_AREA( a + 4, b + 7 );
becomes
rectArea = ( ( a + 4 ) * ( b + 7 ) );
```

➤ **#undef**

- ❑ Undefines symbolic constant or macro
- ❑ Can later be redefined



- Control preprocessor directives and compilation
 - Cannot evaluate cast expressions, `sizeof`, enumeration constants
- Structure similar to `if`

```
#if !defined( NULL )  
    #define NULL 0  
#endif
```

- Determines if symbolic constant `NULL` defined
- If `NULL` defined,
 - `defined(NULL)` evaluates to `1`
 - `#define` statement skipped
- Otherwise
 - `#define` statement used
- Every `#if` ends with `#endif`



- Can use else
 - `#else`
 - `#elif` is "else if"
- Abbreviations
 - `#ifdef` short for
 - `#if defined(name)`
 - `#ifndef` short for
 - `#if !defined(name)`



- "Comment out" code
 - Cannot use /* ... */ with C-style comments
 - Cannot nest /* */
 - Instead, use

```
#if 0
    code commented out
#endif
```
 - To enable code, change 0 to 1



➤ Debugging

```
#define DEBUG 1  
  
#ifdef DEBUG  
  
    cerr << "Variable x = " << x << endl;  
  
#endif
```

❑ Defining DEBUG enables code

❑ After code corrected

- Remove **#define** statement
- Debugging statements are now ignored



➤ # operator

- Replacement text token converted to string with quotes

```
#define HELLO( x ) cout << "Hello, " #x << endl;
```

- **HELLO(JOHN)** becomes

- **cout << "Hello, " "John" << endl;**
- Same as **cout << "Hello, John" << endl;**

➤ ## operator

- Concatenates two tokens

```
#define TOKENCONCAT( x, y ) x ## y
```

- **TOKENCONCAT(O, K)** becomes

- **OK**



- **assert** is a macro
 - Header <cassert>
 - Tests value of an expression
 - If 0 (**false**) prints error message, calls **abort**
 - * Terminates program, prints line number and file
 - * Good for checking for illegal values
 - If 1 (**true**), program continues as normal
 - **assert(x <= 10);**
- To remove **assert** statements
 - No need to delete them manually
 - **#define NDEBUG**
 - All subsequent **assert** statements ignored