COBOL. Common business oriented language

1958 codasyl – pentagon

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Application programming language

English like language.

Add a to b giving c.

Divide a by b giving d remainder e.

Create a pds

HLQ.URNAME.REVAT.COBOL.PDS

LRECL=80,RECFM=FB,,DSORG=PDS

PQ=10,SQ=10,DB=10,

Create a member 🡪 COMPJCL🡪 type the job mentioned in the chat.

Create another 🡪 RUNJCL 🡪 type the next job mentioned in the chat.

CREATE A LIBRARY

HLQ.URNAME.REVAT.COBOL.LOADLIB

LRECL=80,RECFM=U,DSORG=LIBRARY

PQ=10,SQ=10,DB=10,

1. Write the cobol pgm
2. Submit a compile job on behalf of the cobol pgm.
3. Step1 🡪 check syntax errors in cobol stmnts
4. Step2🡪 convert the cobol codes in loda modules/object code
5. Submit another the job that will run the load module.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

4 DIVISIONS.

1.IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.( mandatory)

Note: identifies the program.

PROGRAM-ID. Entry.  mandatory

[AUTHOR. Entry].

[INSTALLATION Entry].

[DATE-WRITTEN. Entry].

[DATA-COMPILED. Entry].

[SECURITY. Entry.

[REMARKS. Entry.]

2. ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.(optional)

Note: Files and other external resources are linked here.

CONFIGURATION SECTION.

SOURCE-COMPUTER. Z0S.

OBJECT COMPUTER. 390.

INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

FILE CONTROL. 🡪 where the files are linked.

3.DATA DIVISION. (optional)

Note: all the variables are declared

FILE SECTION.

FD – FILE’S FIELD DISCRIPTION (FILE LAYOUT/FILE VARIABLES)

WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

ALL THE COMMONLY USED VARIABLES

LOCAL-STORAGE SECTION.

REPORTS

LINKAGE SECTION.

SUB PROGRAMS AND to which the values can be received from the user dynamically

PROCEDURE DIVISION.(Mandatory)

Has no predefined sections or paragraphs.

Executable statements are written/verbs

Must be ended by ‘stop run’.

COLUMN DISCRIPTION OF COBOL PROGRAM

1-6 – SEQNUM

7 –INDICATOR. SPACE 🡪 executable sentence

‘\*’ 🡪 comment

‘-‘ 🡪 continuation of string from previous sentence.

8-11 AREA/MARIGIN A

DIVISIONS, SECTIONS,PARAGRAPHS, FD,SD 01,77 ENTERIES.

12-72 –AREA/MARIGIN B

02-49,66,88 LEVEL NUMBERS. ALL EXECUTABLE SENTANCE

IN PROCEDURE DIVISION(VERBS).

73-80 – IDENTIFIER – USERS DISCRETION.

Data types:

1. Char 🡪 A
2. Numeric 🡪 9
3. Alphanumeric 🡪X

DECLARE A VARIABLE

SYNTAX:

LEVEL-NUMBER SPACE NAME-VAR SPACES PICTURE-CLAUSE DATATYPE(SIZE) VALUE-CLAUSE

LEVEL NUMBER 🡪 01,77,02-49,66,88

VAR-NAME (MAX 36). ALPHANUMERIC,-,FIRST CHAR MUST BE ALPHABET.

( let the name tell the story)

PIC MANDATORY

DATATYPE(SIZE)

A(05) 🡪 left justified with auto spaces on the suffix

9(05) 🡪 right justified with auto zeros prefixed

X(10) 🡪 left justified with auto spaces on the suffix

VALUE(OPTIONAL) 🡪 the user can assign the variable with some initial values.

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Topics to be covered:

Singed variables

Figurative constants

Decimal variables

Move statement

Reference Modification

Group items

Arithmetic operations

Conditions

Conditional statements

Loops.

Task of the day:

Max digits. Max chars 🡪 alphabetic, max chars 🡪 alphanumeric

Singed variables. Numeric.

Pic 9(03) 🡪 no sign

01 WS01-A PIC S9(03) VALUE +123. A23.

Note: Signed variable, by default is sign leading. The sign will be

combined with the leading digit with the below convention.

01 WS01-A PIC S9(03) **sign leading** VALUE +123. A23

The sign will be combined with the leading digit with the below

convention.

01 WS01-B PIC S9(03) **sign trailing** VALUE +123. 12C.

Convention🡪 +1 🡪 A, +2 🡪B… +9🡪 I, -1 🡪 J, -2🡪 K…

-9 🡪 R. +0 🡪 {, -0 🡪 }

01 WS01-STS PIC S9(03) **sign trailing Separate** VALUE +123.

* 123+

01 WS01-SLS PIC S9(03) **sign leading Separate** VALUE +123.

* +123

Figurative constants

Space, spaces, 0, zero,zeros,zeroes

Decimal variables.

Virtual 🡪 numeric 🡪 arithmetic operation. The decimal point will

not be displayed. 123.456 🡪 123456

01 ws01-vd PIC 9(03)V(02) value 123.45

But when you display 🡪 12345

* Physical ( alphanumeric) 🡪 no arithmetic operation allowed on this Variable.
* no value clause is allowed.
* Move statement is allowed

01 WS01-PD PIC 9(03).9(02)

MOVE

Allocation of a value to a variable can be done 2 ways.

1. Value clause- data division.
2. Move statement in Procedure division.

Syntax:

Move source to dest-variables

Move 10 to ws01-var1

Move ’ca7’ to ws05-name

Move ws01-a to ws05-b ( provided their data type are same)

Move 10 to ws01-a, ws05-b,ws05-c

Move ws05-d to ws01-a, ws05-b,ws05-c

Source 🡪 single. Value/literal or variables

Destination 🡪 single or multiple variables.

Reference Modification.

A technique by which parts of a variable can be handled individually.

Syntax : var(stpos:length)

01 ws01-a pic a(05) value 12345.

01 ws01-b pic 9(05) value 00000.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Move ws01-a(2:3) to ws01-b(3:3)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Group items.

01 – level 🡪 1page-4kb

01 ws01-A pic x(03)

77 level number - elementary data item.

The number bytes allocated is the number bytes mentioned in the size clause.

Suggest: Declare one variable at 01 level number and declare all the other variables in the same page/under that 01 level number variable.

A group item is a variable which has member variables defined.

01 ws01-vars.

02 ws02-var1 pic 9(03).

02 ws02-var2 pic X(04).

02 ws02-var3 pic A(15).

Note: level numbers 02 - 49 must be mentioned in marigin b

Rules of group item.

* It cannot have picture clause.
* It CAN HAVE value clause. Value are considered to alphanumeric.
* A group item is identified as a group item, if it has variables with higher level number.
* The member items can have their own different pic clauses and sizes.
* The size of a group item is calculated by adding the sizes of its members.

Rules of a member item.

* Must have a level number higher than its group item.
* Any higher level number is the member of its immediate previous lower level number.
* A member item can be a SUB GROUP item.

01 ws01-vars VALUE “TOMMY007USANJK991111’.

05 WS05-NAME PIC A(05).

05 WS05-ID PIC X(03).

05 WS05-ADDRESS.

10 WS10-COUNRTY PIC A(3).

10 WS10-STATE PIC A(3).

10 WS10-PCODE PIC 9(02).

05 WS05-PHONE PIC 9(4).

PD

DISPLAY 🡪 WS01-VARS.

Arithmetic operations:

Numeric data type.

1. ADD.

ADD 10 TO WS05-A 🡪 WS05-A = WS05-A + 10

ADD WS05-A TO WS05-B 🡪 WS05-B = WS05-A + WS05-B

ADD WS05-A TO WS05-B WS05-C. 🡪

WS05-B = WS05-B + WS05-A

WS05-C = WS05-C + WS05-A

ADD 10 TO WS05-B GIVING WS05-C

WS05-C = WS05-B + 10.

1. SUBTRACT.

SUBTRACT 10 FROM WS05-A🡪 WS05-A = WS05-A – 10

SUBTRACT WS05-A FROM WS05-B 🡪 WS05-B = WS05-B – WS05-A

SUBTRACT WS05-A FROM WS05-B GIVING WS05-C

1. MULTIPLY.

MULTIPLY WS05-A BY WS05-B

MULTIPLY 10 BY WS05-B

MUTLIPLY WS05-A BY WS05-B GIVING WS05-C

1. DIVIDE

DIVIDE WS05-A BY WS05-B 🡪 WS05-B(QUO)= WS05-A / WS05-B

DIVIDE WS05-A BY WS05-B GIVING WS05-C REMAINDER WS05-D

1. COMPUTE. ( NATURAL ARITHMATIC OPERATORS.)

C = A \* B / F ( - 23 + 2 ) \*\*4

BODMAS RULE IS FOLLOWED

COMPUTE C = A \* B / F ( - 23 + 2 ) \*\*4

COMPUTE C ROUNDED = (A \* B) / 2 \* ( - 23 + 2 ) \*\*4

Note: a Space must be given before and after the operator.

Conditions

* Relation Condition

<, LESS THAN, >,GREATER THAN, EQUALS TO, =, <=,>=

* Sign Condition – POSITIVE NEGATIVE,ZERO
* Class Condition –ALPHABETIC, NUMERIC, ALPHABETIC-LOWER, ALPHABETIC-UPPER
* Condition-Name 88 level number declaration.
* Negated Condition - NOT
* Combined Condition – LOGICAL OPERATORS. AND & OR

Conditional statements

If ( CONDITION) THEN

IMP STMNT

ELSE IF(CONDITION) THEN

IMP STMNTS

ELSE

IMP STMNTS

END-IF

END-IF.

Note: The number of end-if must be equal to the number of IF in the structure.

There MUST NOT BE A PERIOD ANYWHERE INBETWEEN IF AND END-IF

Evaluate

EVALUATE TRUE/FALSE/VARIABLE

WHEN CONDITION

IMP

WHEN CONDITON

IMP

WHEN OTHER

IMP

END-EVALUATE.

EXAMPLE:

IF ( WS05-A > WS05-B AND WS05-A > WS05-C ) THEN

DISPLAY ‘A IS THE GREATEST’

ELSE IF ( WS05-B > WS05-A AND WS05-B > WS05-C ) THEN

DISPLAY ‘ B IS THE GREATEST’

ELSE

DISPLAY ‘ C IS THE GREATEST’

END-IF

END-IF.

EVALUATE TRUE

WHEN (WS05-A > WS05-B AND WS05-A > WS05-C )

DISPLAY ‘ A IS THE GREATEST’

WHEN ( WS05-B > WS05-A AND WS05-B > WS05-C )

DISPLAY ‘ B IS THE GREATEST’

WHEN OTHER

DISPLAY ‘ C IS THE GFREATEST’

END-EVALUATE.

LOOPS. ITERATION STATEMENTS.

PERFORM

1. CONDITIONAL

Until a condition is satisfied the loop run.

1. Inline perform

When the group of statements to be iterated lies between “perform’ and ‘end-perform.

WS05-A PIC 9(02) VALUE 5.

PERFORM UNTIL WS05-A > 10

DISPLAY ‘HI’

Add 1 TO ws05-a

END-PERFORM.

Ans: 6 timed.

WS05-A PIC 9(02) VALUE 5.

PERFORM UNTIL WS05-A > 10

DISPLAY ‘HI’

END-PERFORM.

Ans: infinite

1. Infinity 722 abend

Ws05-a pic 9(02) value 5.

PERFORM VARYING WS05-A FROM 1 BY 1 UNTIL WS05-A > 10

DISPLAY ‘HI’

DISPLAY WS05-A

END-PERFORM.

ANS : 10

1. Out-of-the-line
2. UNCONDITIONAL
3. Inline perform

PERFORM 5 TIMES

DISPLAY ‘ HI’

END-PERFORM.

PERFORM

DISPLAY ‘ HI’

END-PERFORM.

PERFORM WS05-A TIMES

DISPLAY ‘HI’

END-PERFORM

ANS:ws05-a times

PERFORM WS05-A TIMES

DISPLAY ‘HI’

ADD 1 TO WS05-A

DISPLAY WS05-A

END-PERFORM

1. Out-of-the-line

Dosn’t check any condition to be satisfied.

CONTROL STATEMENTS.

CONTNIUE

Transfers the control to the next COBOL statement which come next in the program flow.

NEXT SENTENCE

Transfers control to the next COBOL statement, which is immediately after the sentence ending with period.