

# **Pascal implementation**

## **The P5 Compiler**

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## 1 Overview of Pascal-P5

This section contains background material on Pascal-P5. If you want to get started using Pascal-P5 now, skip to 2 “Using Pascal-P5”

### 1.1 Introduction

The Pascal-P series compilers were the original proving compilers for the language Pascal. Created in 1973, Pascal-P was part of a “porting kit” designed to enable the quick implementation of a Pascal language compiler on new machines. It was released by Niklaus Wirth’s students at ETH in Zurich.

The implementation and description of the language Pascal in terms of itself and in terms of a “pseudo machine” were important factors in the propagation of the language Pascal. From the early version of Pascal-P came the CDC 6000 full compiler at Zurich, several independent compilers including an IBM-360 compiler and a PDP-11 compiler, and the UCSD “byte code” interpreter.

The original article for the Pascal-P compiler is at:

[http://www.standardpascal.org/The\\_Pascal\\_P\\_Compiler\\_implementation\\_notes.pdf](http://www.standardpascal.org/The_Pascal_P_Compiler_implementation_notes.pdf)

In the name “Pascal-P” the “P” stood for “portable”, and this was what Pascal-P was designed to do. It also stood for an example and reference implementation of Pascal, although Wirth later issued a paper, together with Tony Hoare for the “Axiomatic definition of Pascal”, which was also aimed at exactly specifying the semantics of Pascal.

As the importance of Pascal-P grew, the authors adopted a version number system and working methodology for the system. A new, cleaner and more portable version of the system was created in 1974 with the name Pascal-P2, and left the multiple early versions of the system as termed Pascal-P1.

From the Pascal-P2 revision of the compiler comes many of the original Pascal compilers, including UCSD. In 1976, Wirth’s group made one last series of improvements and termed the results Pascal-P3 and Pascal-P4. Pascal-P3 was a redesigned compiler, but used the same pseudo machine instruction set as P2, and thus could be bootstrapped from an existing P2 implementation. P4 featured a new pseudo instruction set, and thus was a fully redesigned compiler.

Pascal-P was always an incomplete implementation of the Pascal language (a subset), and was designed to be so. After it was created, the ISO 7185 standard for Pascal was issued, and today Pascal-P4 exists and is still usable with minor changes to bring it into ISO 7185 compliance.

However, Pascal-P4 has its legacy problem of being a subset compiler of the full language. Further, it is only usable for programs that avoid its weaknesses, such as string storage. Keep in mind that Pascal-P was never designed to be a general purpose system, but rather to compile itself on a new machine – and then rapidly be improved to become a full compiler.

Thus in 2008 I set out to improve the P4 code to accept the full language Pascal as stated by the ISO 7185 language standard. The name of the result was obvious: Pascal-P5, although I certainly beg forgiveness of any of the original Wirth group members who might be offended by my implication of extending and improving their work. Think of it this way: I too have been a lifelong student of Niklaus Wirth’s, albeit a long distance one.

And so, 35 years after the original Pascal-P compiler was created, a new version of the series exists. I have further designs on Pascal-P beyond the P5 project and the Pascal language, as represented by the new language Pascaline (whose document you may find at:



<http://www.standardpascal.com/standards.html>

However, it is right and proper that the Pascal-P series should stop at P5 and take a breath. P5 is the logical completion of the Zurich group's work, and it stands alone as an achievement.

The Pascal-P compiler series (and its companion Pascal-S) have been extensively documented in the literature. However, the book "Pascal implementation: The P4 compiler" by Steve Pemberton and Martin Daniels stands out as a running code commentary on the level of "lion's commentary on Unix". It is just that good. It is also available free on line at:

<http://homepages.cwi.nl/~steven/pascal/book/>.

Accordingly, for the P5 document, I have not attempted to recapitulate the entire P4 part of the compiler in this document. I see this document as an incremental explanation of the improvements to P4 needed to arrive at P5. I hope Steven will forgive me for using a variant of his title, and the frequent references to his book (and occasional corrections). The fact is I could not have completed the P5 project without Steve's work. In fact, it was Steve's book that convinced me that P4 was worth preservation and modernization.

## 1.2 Why a P5 compiler?

It actually makes more sense to ask "why a P4 compiler" than "why a P5 compiler". P4 was not a full Pascal at all, but rather a subsetted version of the language with several features removed. The omissions and changes were (from the P4 web page at: <http://www.standardpascal.com/p4.html>):

- Procedure/function parameters.
- Interprocedural gotos (goto must terminate in the same procedure/function).
- Only files of type "text" can be used, and then only the ones that are predefined by P4, which are "input", "output", and two special files defined so that P4 can compile itself.
- "mark" and "release" instead of "dispose".
- Curly bracket comments { } are not implemented.
- The predeclared identifiers maxint, text, round, page, dispose, and the functions they represent, are not present.
- The procedures reset, rewrite, pack and unpack are not implemented (they are recognized as valid predefined procedures, but give an 'unimplemented' error on use).
- Undiscriminated variant records.
- Output of boolean types.
- Output of reals in "fixed" format.
- Set constructors using subranges ('0'..'9').

However, there were several other issues with the P4 compiler beyond simply the language it implemented. P4 made no attempt to economize on its storage of strings. This meant that each string constant, no matter how long it was, would be stored in a fixed length in the pseudo-machine code. Although the internal string length in the interpreter was a settable constant, an implementor using P4 would always be operating between the mutually exclusive goals of having enough string characters to represent usable strings and having the total string storage use too much space.

Also, every variable in the P4 interpreter was afforded the same space. A character or a boolean used the same space as a floating point value, and an array of characters would be as costly as an array of floating point numbers.

P4 itself got around these limitations by using strings and string constants sparingly. This again goes to the idea that P4 (and the Pascal-P series) was primarily designed to compile itself, and was never designed as a real, working compiler.

Very tellingly, when Kenneth Bowles received P2 and wanted to use it as an interpreter in and of itself, not as just a stepping stone to a native compiler, his team extensively reworked it to use a byte orientation, and implemented string storage efficiently.

The exact reasons why P4 is as it is, of course, belong to its original authors. However, it is fair to say that Pascal-P was designed to be a lightweight porting kit for Pascal. The two main concerns were:

- Limiting the required memory for the run of the self compilation.
- Limiting the complexity of the self compilation.

For the first, obviously the Zurich crew was not particularly limited by memory. The CDC 6000 series computers they had access to were state of the art for their day, and after Pascal-P was produced, they extended it to a full native compiler for the CDC 6000 (see <http://www.standardpascal.com/CDC6000pascal.html>). This implies that a full language version of P4 could have been completed. They may have wished to lessen the load on other implementers of the language outside of Zurich.

The second reason is far more concrete. Even a complex program such as a compiler may not use the entire language, simply because the need did not arise. It was, and is, standard practice to implement a subset of a full language for the first compiler version and improve it later.

Finally, it is important to understand that the designers of Pascal-P never intended it to be used as a implementation for its own sake. A Pascal implementation that simulated, not executed, its output code was interesting to Wirth, but that resulted in the Pascal-S project, a one piece compiler/interpreter program that has also been said to have originated with the Pascal-P project (although you will find little in common between the source code for the two).

Thus, it would never have occurred to the original designers to make Pascal-P an efficient and full implementation of Pascal. It was simply a bridge to better things.

There is certainly less reason to keep Pascal-P as a language subset compiler today. Computers are drowning in memory, and virtual memory operating systems are the rule, not the exception. Further, there are several advantages to having even a compiler porting kit such as P4 process the full language:

- To serve as an example implementation of the language.
- To reduce the total work needed to convert a bootstrapped Pascal-P to the full language.
- To serve as a full language stand-alone interpreter.

Accordingly, such a compiler was created, the “Model implementation of Standard Pascal” [Welsh and Hay] with the advent of the ISO 7185 standard in 1982. This is a very good and complete implementation of Pascal which I can recommend reading. However, it has two significant drawbacks to its use:

- It was never freely distributed, and the rights to it were closely held.
- It had nothing whatever in common with the Pascal-P project.

Because or in spite of this, the “model implementation” is virtually unobtainable and unknown today. It can only be found in it’s increasingly rare book form.

The advantages of having a new version of P4 that both processes the full language, and also embodies an efficient interpreter in its own right are:

- It is a fairly reasonable increment in complexity of the original code.
- It starts from an existing and well understood code base.
- The main part of it is already well documented.

The number of lines in the source for P4 vs. P5 bear this out:

	P4	P5
<b>pcom.pas</b>	4119	6089
<b>pint.pas</b>	1099	2957

157 of the increased line count for the compiler front end, pcom.pas, are due to the error message printing routine that could be removed without ill effect (arriving at the same, numeric only error messages as the original P4).

The most radical changes were done in the interpreter, but this still remains a low percentage of the total, since the interpreter is not where the majority of the code in was in Pascal-P.

The changes needed to create P5 from P4 were carried out in the space of less than one man month, and the system still retains it’s “small system” feel at less than 10,000 lines. I have tried to stay within the original style of the code, although at times more than one style is evident in the source (due to the multiple original authors). I have, for example, refrained from reformatting or extensively adding comments to the code.

I admit this was difficult. I don’t care for the “compressed” nature of the formatting, nor the general lack of comments. For Pascal style, I both prefer and recommend the style of Henry Ledgard in “Pascal with style: Programming Proverbs”. I note that Niklaus Wirth’s general style is to present the comments separately from the program code, and thus having this document cover the additions required to the code suits me.

Finally, I’ll include a an advertisement for my next project here which Pascal purists can certainly skip, or perhaps stop to read simply to realize what a wrong headed path I have turned down. During the course of creating P5, I realized that the next step in the series was just as obvious as the step from P4 to P5 was. This was a package of coherent extentions to the language Pascal such as was appropriate after a 35 year lapse in it’s development.

The inclusion of a series of extentions in a pure interpreter such as the Pascal-P series, is, I would argue, a very appropriate place of debut. It means that one is not tempted to place machine specific or operating specific features into the language.

The result is already far along at this writing, and is termed “Pascaline”, and the new version of Pascal-P is Pascal-P6. P6 returns in a way to the P3-P4 split in that P6 is designed to compile on any ISO 7185 Pascal implementation, and finalized only by substituting the contents of a few procedures and functions

in the interpreter to their local implementation equivalents. In the case of original P6, they are implemented in Pascaline themselves, and thus P6 is self compiling.

In this way, P6 can be compiled and bootstrapped on any ISO 7185 complying implementation, including Pascal-P5, and used to establish a Pascaline complying implementation anywhere. In addition, because Pascaline itself is downward compatible with ISO 7185 Pascal itself, Pascal-P6 can serve as a practical replacement for Pascal-P5 itself.

### 1.3 The organization of the Pascal-P compiler

Pascal-P does not feature a machine independent front end. The sizes and characteristics of machine level objects in the interpreter also appear in the front end. The front end uses these sizes to form the layout of things such as local block frames, parameter lists and records.

This is one reason that Pascal-P has been criticized for being a less than ideal basis on which to build a full, machine independent compiler system. If the front end were to be fully machine independent, it would mean a great deal of change to the whole compiler system, and the intermediate would certainly change, since it is currently stated in machine dependent form, using fixed offsets and other machine dependent embedded numbers.

In practice, it is not much trouble to create a set of front and back end modules for any machine. The machine dependent figures are isolated to equates in the top of the program, and these simply need to be changed in both compiler and interpreter equally.

### 1.4 P5 as a practical compiler

Is P5 a useable compiler for real applications? I would assert that it is not. The reason is the way it processes files. All of the files it uses must be declared specifically via the program header. For P5 to process files from a user program, it must map these files into header files defined by P5 itself.

The most obvious files for any program are the **input** and **output** files. Even though P5 itself uses these files, both to input the target program, and to output listings and error messages, these are useable by the target program simply because they are separated positionally in the output.

P5 defines two more files, **prd** and **prp**. These files are used for reading only and writing only, respectively. P5 uses prd to input and output the program code for the target. Although these files can be used by the target, again, the input and output is mixed with P5's use of the files, and must be done positionally. In fact, this is the technique used to accomplish a self compile and run, where the target program is the P5 system itself.

P5 could map the header files to arbitrary files, but this would have to be done by non-standard code, since there is no method specified in either the original (J&W) standard, nor in ISO 7185, of mapping header files to external files. It is left as "implementation specific".

All of this matches the original purpose of P5, which was simply to serve as a compiler porting platform. It also serves as a demonstration compiler. To make it a practical compiler, it would have to be extended, at least to operate on runtime specified files. The CDC 6000 compiler is effectively a Pascal-P compiler that was extended to be a practical use compiler.

The other way to achieve a practical use P5 would be to specify implementation specific characteristics in it, such as external file connections. This would involve creating a P5 that is no longer strictly ISO 7185, since it would need to specify how the external file connections are done.

I do think this is valuable. However, I also believe that instead of adding extensions valid for only one implementation of Pascal, it makes more sense to organize the extensions as a whole. This is what the P6 project is about, so this work will be deferred to P6.

## 1.5 P5 as a model compiler

The definition of a model compiler is as an example of how to carry out the actual execution of the language pascal. Unfortunately, this is one area where the “model implementation of Pascal” [Welsh&Hay] is actually ahead of P5. The problem is that most of the I/O formatting is simply passed on to the underlying compiler, meaning that things like the exact format of input numbers, and the exact format produced by output of numbers, is left to whatever the implementation that P5 is run on does.

The way to get around this is to be fairly pedantic about processing input and output, for example reading and parsing a complete input number, with sign, even if the underlying implementation is capable of doing that.

This wasn't done in P5, probably to keep the compiler/interpreter simple. It should be done to enhance the Pascal-P implementation's status as a model compiler. Although it could be done as an enhanced version of P5, I think it makes more sense to delay it for P6.

## 1.6 P5 from version 1.0 to 1.3

Pascal-P5 changed considerably from 1.0 until 1.3. P5 got about 1000 lines longer in the new version. The major difference was the “Pascal Rejection test” (detailed in 8.4). P5 1.0 was the first version to compile all of the ISO 7185 language. Later versions address checking for insecurities at both compile time and at runtime.

## 1.7 Moving on to Pascal-P6

Pascal-P6 was designed to be completely compatible with Pascal-P5. It will take any source code that Pascal-P5 will, and the source code for Pascal-P6 will compile under Pascal-P5. The capabilities of the P6 compiler/interpreter are considerably greater, and you may want to consider using that system instead. The major reason for staying with the Pascal-P5 is that it is oriented only to the ISO 7185 Pascal language, and thus is a smaller compiler.

Pascal-P6 will directly compile programs from Pascal-P5 without any options given that:

- None of the new Pascaline keywords are used.
- Any use of the character ‘\’ in strings are doubled (‘\\’) due to character escape support in Pascaline.

Alternately, the ISO 7185 standard option can be used with the program (s+).

For more information see the Pascal-P6 documentation.

# 2 Using Pascal-P5

## 2.1 Configuring P5

P5 has a simple configuration script to set up the binary, script files and compiler in use for the system, that uses the proper defaults for your system:

[Windows]

```
> setpath
> configure
> make
```

[Linux/Mac]

```
$ ./setpath
$ ./configure
$ make
```

You can avoid “setpath” by placing the `./bin` directory on your path.

The configure script attempts to automatically determine the environment you are running under, choose the correct compiler, bit width of your computer, etc. You can override this by using the options for configure:

Option	Meaning
<code>--gpc</code>	Selects the GPC compiler.
<code>--ip_pascal</code>	Selects the IP Pascal compiler.
<code>--fpc</code>	Selects the FPC Pascal compiler.
<code>--32</code>	Selects 32 bit mode.
<code>--64</code>	Selects 64 bit mode.
<code>--help</code>	Prints a help menu.

The configure script will take the preconfigured versions of the P5 binaries, the script files and other files and install them for the specified compiler. The P5 system is configured by default for GPC Pascal running on windows, and can be left as such if desired.

Note that if you have more than one acceptable compiler resident, the configure script will choose the first one found in the order IP Pascal, GPC Pascal, and then FPC Pascal.

## 2.2 Compiling and running Pascal programs with P5

To simply compile and run a program, use the P5 batch file:

```
C:\> p5 hello
```

When a pascal program is run this way, it gets its input from the terminal (you), and prints its results there. The `p5` script accommodates the compiler that was used to build the system, and therefore you don't need to know the exact command format of the executable.

The rules for ISO 7185 Pascal are simple, and you can find a complete overview of the language in the file:

```
iso7185rules.html
```

In the `./doc` directory.

You will find the complete standard for the language in the files:

```
iso7185.html      html format
iso7185.pdf       pdf format
```

In the ./doc directory.

If you were expecting P5 to look like UCSD Pascal or Borland Pascal, please note you took a wrong turn somewhere. P5 is the original Pascal language. The "Pascal" languages processed by UCSD and Borland were heavily modified, and very incompatible variants that were brought out years after the original.

All files in P5 are anonymous (as in "no filename"), and only last the length of the program run. The exceptions to this are the "prd" and "prp" files, which are used by the P5 compiler to compile and run itself. You can use them, but you really have to know what you are doing. If you need to read from a file or write to a file use redirection:

```
C:\> p5 test < myinputfile > myoutputfile
```

You will find you can get a lot of tasks done this way.

Note:

P5, as was P4, was designed to be a Pascal compiler porting tool and model implementation *first*, and not really as a practical day to day compiler. If you want a compiler/interpreter for that use, you want the P6 compiler, which contains things like file access extensions and a lot more.

## 2.3 Compiler options

P5 uses a "compiler comment" to indicate options to the compiler, of the form:

```
(* $option +/-, ... *)
```

This option can appear anywhere a normal comment can. The first character of the comment **MUST** be "\$". This is followed by any number of option switches separated by ",". If the option ends with "+", it means to turn it on. If the option ends with "-", it means turn it off.

Example:

```
(* $I - *)
```

Turns the listing of the source code OFF.

The following options are available:

Option	Meaning	Default
t+/-	Print/don't print internal tables after each routine is compiled.	OFF
l+/-	List/don't list the source program during compilation.	ON
d+/-	Add extra code to check array bounds, subranges, etc.	ON
c+/-	Output/don't output intermediate code.	ON

## 2.4 Other operations

Within the P5 toolset, you will find a series of scripts to perform common operations using P5. This includes building the compiler and interpreter using an existing ISO 7185 compatible compiler, and also testing P5.

The scripts used in P5 are designed to be independent of what operating system you are running on. The P5 system has been successfully run on the following systems:

- Windows
- Ubuntu linux
- Mac OS X

To enable this to work, there are two kinds of scripts available, one for DOS/Windows command shells, and another for Unix/Bash. These two script files live side by side, because the DOS/Windows scripts use a .bat extension, and Bash scripts use no extensions. Thus, when a script command is specified here, the particular type of script file is selected automatically.

The only exception to this rule is that Unix users commonly do not place the current directory in the path. This means to execute a script file in the current directory, you need to specify the current directory in front of the script. For example:

```
~/p5$ ./p5 hello
```

## 2.5 Reliance on Unix commands in the P5 toolset

Most of the scripts in this package, even the DOS/Windows scripts, rely on Unix commands like cp, sed, diff, chmod and others. I needed a reasonable set of support tools that were command line callable, and these are all both standard and reasonable.

For Windows, the Cygwin toolset is available:

<http://www.cygwin.com>

Note that to run the cygwin tools, you will need the environment variable:

```
CYGWIN=nodosfilewarning
```

This prevents cygwin utilities from complaining about dos mode file specifications.

An alternative to Cygwin is the Mingw toolkit. Mingw uses GNU programs that are compiled as native Windows .exe files without special .dll files. It typically has better integration with Windows than Cygwin, since it does not try to emulate Unix on Windows. MinGW is available at:



<http://www.mingw.org/>

Where possible, I have tried to use DOS/Windows commands. The scripts are available in both DOS/Windows and bash versions. I could have just required the use of bash, which is part of the cygwin toolkit, but my aim is not to force Windows users into a Unix environment.

## 2.6 The “flip” command and line endings

Every effort was made to make the Pascal-P5 compile and evaluate system independent of what system it is running on, from Windows command shell, to Linux with Bash shell. One common thing I have found is that several utilities don’t appreciate seeing a line ending outside of their “native” line ending, such as CRLF for Windows, and LF for linux. Examples include “diff” (find file differences) and Bash.

Therefore many of the scripts try to remove the line ending considerations, either by ignoring such line endings, or by converting all of the required files to the particular line ending in use.

The key to this is the “flip” utility. After searching for several line ending converters, “flip” was found on the most number of systems, as well as being one of the most clear and reliable utilities (it translates in both directions, it tolerates any mode of line ending as input, will not corrupt binaries, etc.).

Unfortunately, even flip was not found on some systems. The simplest way to fix this was to include the flip.c program with the distribution, then let you compile to form a binary on your system to replace the utility.

To make the flip utility, you run:

```
$ make_flip
```

Then flip will exist in the root directory.

## 3 Building the Pascal-P5 system

### 3.1 Compiling and running P5 with an existing ISO 7185 compiler

You do not need to compile P5 unless you are using an alternative compiler or installation. The current P5 has been compiled and run with the following compilers and operating systems:

Compiler	Installations
IP Pascal	Windows
GPC	Windows, Ubuntu, Mac OSx

First, you must have a ISO 7185 Pascal compiler available. There are several such compilers, see:

<http://www.standardpascal.org/compiler.html>

You will probably need to compile pcom.pas and pint.pas with the ISO 7185 Pascal compatibility mode option on for your compiler. See your documentation for details.

If you are using a compiler or version of a compiler that is not tested to ISO 7185 standards, you will want to make sure that it is ISO 7185 compliant. See “Testing P5” section 8 for details on how to test an existing compiler to ISO 7185 standards.

To compile pcom and pint, the components of the P5 compiler, use the make utility:

make	Make both pcom and pint.
make pcom	Make pcom.
make pint	Make pint.
make clean	Remove all product files (usually to insure a clean remake).

To run the other programs and batch files, you should modify the following files to work with your compiler:

p5[.bat]	The single program compile and run batch file.
Compile[.bat]	To compile a file with all inputs and outputs specified.
Run[.bat]	To run (interpret) the intermediate file with all inputs and outputs specified.

The reason you need to change these files is because pcom.pas uses the header file "prp" to output intermediate code, and pint.pas uses "prp" for input and "prp" for output. You need to find out how to connect these files in the program header to external named files.

For example, in IP Pascal, header files that don't bear a standard system name (like "input" and "output") are simply assigned in order from the command line. Thus, P5.bat is simply:

```
pcom %1.p5 < %1.pas
pint %1.p5 %1.out
```

Where %1 is the first parameter from the command line.

P5.bat lets the input and output from the running program go to the user terminal. Compile.bat and run.bat both specify all of the input, output, prd and prp files. The reason the second files are needed is so that the advanced automated tests can be run using batch files that aren't dependent on what compiler you are using.

If your compiler does nothing with header files at all, you will probably have to change the handling of the prd and prp files to get them connected to external files. To do this, search pcom and pint for "!!!" (three exclamation marks). This will appear in comments just before the declaration, reset and rewrite of these files.

## 3.2 Evaluating an existing Pascal compiler using P5

If you plan to compile and run P5 using your compiler, you should evaluate your compiler's ISO 7185 Pascal compliance. Of course, simply compiling pcom.pas and pint.pas is one way to achieve that. But since this package gives you the ability to fully evaluate your compiler, I would suggest you use it.

First, you need to determine if your compiler has a ISO 7185 Pascal compliance option and turn it on if needed. I say "if needed", because some compilers actually change their behavior with the option enabled, and thus it is not possible to compile and run standard Pascal programs unless the option is on (a very unfortunate property of a Pascal implementation).

Within ISO 7185 Pascal, there are two characteristics of an implementation that could cause P5 to not compile, even if the implementation otherwise completely complies with the standard:

1. Conflict with extended keywords.
2. Character formats.

The first concerns an implementation that defines a new keyword conflicting with an identifier used in P5. For example, if your compiler has an extended keyword "variant", this would cause pcom.pas not to compile: it uses that as an identifier. Ideally, the ISO 7185 Pascal option should turn off such extended keywords, but you may have to invoke another option to do this. Such extended keywords are allowed by the ISO 7185 Pascal standard.

The second is simply that the character set in use is not specified by the ISO 7185 Pascal standard. This is rarely an issue now, because virtually all implementations are based on either ISO 8859-1 (or ASCII), or are based on a character set that contains ISO 8859-1 as a base standard (both ISO 8859 and Unicode do this).

It is also possible that an implementation may define special character formats. For example, the commonly implemented character force sequences are a special format:

```
'this is a string\n'
```

This is valid, since ISO 7185 Pascal does not specify the exact format of strings.

Fortunately, P5 does not contain nor need force sequences, so this will not cause problems.

Besides compiling pcom.pas and pint.pas, I strongly recommend you run and check at least ISO7185pat.pas. This is a fairly comprehensive test of ISO 7185 Pascal compliance.

If you wish to run the entire compliance test on your compiler, you simply need to change or create a version of compile.bat and run.bat for your implementation that operate with your compiler. Then you can run the regression test *without* the self compile features (**cpcoms** and **cpints**).

Finally, building P5, and then running it through a full regression is itself a good final test of ISO 7185 compliance. It does not substitute for direct testing of your compiler. P5 could well run correctly even if your compiler is not fully ISO 7185 Pascal compliant!

For further details concerning the ISO 7185 tests, see 8 "Testing P5".

### 3.3 Notes on using existing compilers

When using an existing ISO 7185 compatible compiler, the configure script will install all the files needed to work with that particular compiler. Thus these hosts will work without any modification.

#### 3.3.1 GPC

GPC (GNU Pascal Compiler) is used in the following version:

```
GNU Pascal version 20070904, based on gcc-4.1.3 20080704 (prerelease)
(Ubuntu 2.1-4.1.2-27ubuntu2).
Copyright (C) 1987-2006 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
```

I have had several difficulties with other versions of GPC, which give errors on standard ISO 7185 source, or crash, or other difficulties. The GPC developers announced they were halting development on GPC in the gpc mailing list. Please see their web page:

<http://www.gnu-pascal.de>

For any further information.

The main difficulty with GPC vis-a-vie P5 is that testing of the GPC compiler for ISO 7185 compatability was not regularly done on GPC releases. Thus, otherwise working GPC releases were not able to compile and run standard ISO 7185 source code.

Because of this, I can only recommend the above version of GPC be used, which compiles and runs P5 error free.

In addition, please be aware that I have not run the GPC compiler, including the above version, through a current ISO 7185 compliance test such as appears here. My only concern is that GPC be able to compile and run P5, and that the resulting P5 runs the compliance tests. I leave it for others to run full compliance for GPC itself.

### 3.3.1.1 GPC on Cygwin

The current Cygwin release as of 2012/03/26 does not work, since it uses GPC 2005, and is broken at that (it has the .dlls for GPC installed incorrectly).

A procedure to use GPC under the current Cygwin I have used is as follows:

1. Install the latest version of Cygwin (the one I tried is Cygwin/X, a very useful package).
2. Place c:\cygwin\bin on your path.
3. Go to the website:

<http://www.gnu-pascal.de/binary/cygwin/>

And download and install:

[gpc-20070904-with-gcc.i686-pc-cygwin.tar.gz](http://www.gnu-pascal.de/binary/cygwin/gpc-20070904-with-gcc.i686-pc-cygwin.tar.gz)

(4.4mb, gpc-20070904, based on gcc-3.4.4, **with gcc-3.4.4 support files**)

4. After installing this package in an appropriate directory, say c:\gpc, modify your path to include c:\gpc\usr\bin ahead of the c:\cygwin\bin directory in the path.
5. Add cygwin=nodosfilewarning (as stated in section 2.5 “Reliance on Unix commands in the P5 toolset”).

Now you will be able to follow the normal gpc instructions here to get p5 running, using the standard Windows command shell. Note that this trick won't work with the command shells Cygwin provides.

To reiterate the steps that follow:

\$ configure --gpc	Configure for GPC compiler.
\$ make	Build the P5 binaries.
\$ regress	Run the regression suites to check the P5 compiler.

### 3.3.1.2 GPC for mingw

Mingw (Minimal GNU for Windows) is a different port of the GNU catalog for windows that runs directly on windows. That is, each binary is statically linked with its support library, and it is designed to work with windows directly.

As Cygwin has become more and more a full emulation of the Unix environment (a good thing), it has become less usable in interaction with other Windows programs. Thus I have found the mingw package more cooperative for every day Windows work.

Mingw does not come natively with GPC installed (or much else). I recommend you also pick up the MSYS package for mingw, which is a series of GNU programs that are compiled to run in the windows environment using Mingw.

To get the mingw distribution of GPC, follow the steps:

1. Go to the website:

<http://www.gnu-pascal.de/binary/mingw32/>

And download and install:

[gpc-20070904-with-gcc.i386-pc-mingw32.tar.gz](http://www.gnu-pascal.de/binary/mingw32/gpc-20070904-with-gcc.i386-pc-mingw32.tar.gz)

(4.4mb, gpc-20070904, based on gcc-3.4.5, **with gcc-3.4.5 support files**)

2. After installing this package in an appropriate directory, say c:\gpc, modify your path to include c:\gpc\usr\bin directory in the path.

Note that this is based on a slightly different version than Cygwin.

To reiterate the steps that follow:

```
$ configure --gpc      Configure for GPC compiler.
$ make                Build the P5 binaries.
$ regress              Run the regression suites to check the P5 compiler.
```

### 3.3.2 FPC

FPC is can be used in versions 3.0.4 or later:

Free Pascal Compiler version 3.0.4 [2017/10/06] for i386

Copyright (c) 1993-2017 by Florian Klaempfl and others

FPC contains a critical bug in file handling that must be worked around by recompiling pint.pas with the following fix:

```
{ FPC has an error where it indicates EOF 1 byte
  before the end of the file. A workaround is to
  comment the EOF check out, but note that this
  is not permanent, since it compromises error
  checking. }
if eof(bfildable[fn]) then
  errori('End of file          ');
```

is changed to have the eof check commented out:

```
{ FPC has an error where it indicates EOF 1 byte
```

```
before the end of the file. A workaround is to
comment the EOF check out, but note that this
is not permanent, since it compromises error
checking. }
{
if eof(bfildtable[fn]) then
    errori('End of file          ');
}
```

The result of this is P5 may fault on reading if it encounters EOF with a fault given from the FPC support library, not within P5 itself.

Another issue caused by this bug is that P5 will not accept files with incomplete last lines, either in the source files it processes or the data files the target programs use. An incomplete last line is a line that ends in EOF (End Of File) and does not have an EOLN (End Of Line). These input files will have to be manually corrected with FPC.

A bug ticket was filed with the FPC group for this issue.

FPC is an important host compiler as its development is ongoing and issues with the compiler are corrected regularly. It is also not dependent on GCC toolchain.

### 3.3.2.1 Obtaining FPC

FPC can be found at the web site:

<https://www.freepascal.org/>

Please make sure you download and run at least version 3.0.4.

### 3.3.2.2 Configure and build the FPC version

The steps to configure and build with FPC after P5 and FPC are installed are:

```
$ setpath
```

```
$ Configure -fpc
```

```
$ make
```

And I recommend a check of the P5 compiler with:

```
$ regress
```

Which will run a test series on the resulting compiler.

## 4 Files in the P5 package

Note: for script files, both a DOS/Windows (X.bat) and bash script (X) are provided. Their function is identical, one is for use with the DOS/Windows command shell, the other for bash shell.

configure

configure.bat                Sets the current compiler to use to create P5 binaries.

INSTALL	Installation instructions
LICENSE	License information for P5
Makefile	The make file to run builds on P5. This is customized for a particular host compiler.
NEWS	Contains various information about the current release.
README	Brief introduction to the project, it points to this document now.
setpath	
setpath.bat	Adds the “bin” directory to the current path. Used to quickly run procedures in P5 directory.
TODO	Contain a list of "to do" items in P5.

#### 4.1 Directory: basic

Basic.cmp	Basic interpreter test output compare file
Basic.inp	Basic interpreter test input file (contains “lunar lander” program and test input.
Basic.pas	Contains Basic-P5 source.

##### 4.1.1 Directory: basic/prog

*.bas	Contains a series of Basic programs collected for Basic-P5. From the web site <a href="http://www.classicbasicgames.org/">http://www.classicbasicgames.org/</a>
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#### 4.2 Directory: bin

compile	
compile.bat	Batch mode compile for P5. It takes all input and output from supplied files, and is used by all of the other testing scripts below. You will need to change this to fit your particular Pascal implementation.  *** You will need to change this to fit your particular Pascal system ***  It uses input and output from the terminal, so is a good way to run arbitrary programs.
cpcoms	
cpcoms.bat	Self compile, run and check the pcom.pas file. This batch file compiles com.pas, then runs it on the interpreter and self compiles it, and checks the intermediate files match.
cpints	
cpints.bat	Self compile, run and check the pint.pas file. This batch file compiles pint.pas and iso7185pat.pas, then runs pint on itself and then runs iso7185pat.pas, and checks the result file.
diffnole	

diffnole.bat	Runs a diff, but ignoring line endings (DOS/Windows vs. Unix). Also ignores version numbers in compiler output.
doseol doseol.bat	Fixes the line endings on text files to match the DOS/Windows convention, CRLF.
fixeol fixeol.bat	Arranges the line endings on bash scripts to be Unix, and those of the DOS/Windows scripts to be DOS/Windows line endings. This is required because the editors on the respective systems insert their own line endings according to system, and this can cause problems when they are run on a different system.
make_flip make_flip.bat	A script to compile deoln and ueoln and create a flip script for Unix. This is used to replace the “flip” program if required.
p5 p5.bat	<p>A batch file that compiles and runs a single Pascal program. You will need to change this to fit your particular Pascal implementation. It uses input and output from the terminal, so it is a good way to run arbitrary programs.</p> <p>*** You will need to change this to fit your particular Pascal system ***</p> <p>It uses input and output from the terminal, so is a good way to run arbitrary programs.</p>
pcom pcom.exe	The IP Pascal compiled pcom binary for Windows/Unix. See comments in 2.2 “Compiling and running Pascal programs with P5” for how to use this. All of the supplied batch files are customized for this version.
pint pint.exe	The IP Pascal compiled pint binary for Windows. See comments in 2.2 “Compiling and running Pascal programs with P5” for how to use this. All of the supplied batch files are customized for this version.
regress regress.bat	The regression test simply runs all of the possible tests through P5. It is usually run after a new compile of P5, or any changes made to P5.
run run.bat	<p>Batch mode run for P5. It takes all input and output from supplied files, and is used by all of the other testing scripts below. You will need to change this to fit your particular Pascal implementation.</p> <p>*** You will need to change this to fit your particular Pascal system ***</p> <p>It uses input and output from the terminal, so is a good way to run arbitrary programs.</p>
runprt	



runprt.bat	Runs the Pascal rejection test. See 8.4.
set32 set32.bat	Set P5 for 32 bit hosts.
set64 set64.bat	Set P5 for 64 bit hosts.
testp2 testp2.bat	Runs a compile and check on pascal-P2, the second version of Pascal-P.
testp4 testp4.bat	Runs a compile and check on pascal-P4, the fourth version of Pascal-P.
testpascals testpascals.bat	Runs a compile and check on pascals.pas, the Pascal subset interpreter created by Niklaus Wirth.
testprog testprog.bat	<p>An automated testing batch file. Runs a given program with the input file, delivering an output file, then compares to a reference file.</p> <p>Testprog is used to test the following program files for p5: hello, roman, match, startrek, basics and iso7185pat.</p>
unixeol unixeol.bat	Fixes the line endings on text files to match the Unix convention, LF.
zipp5 zipp5.bat	Creates a zipfile for the entire p5 project. This is used to create the releases available on the p5 web site.

### 4.3 Directory: c\_support

c_support/flip.c	C program to replace the local version of “flip”, the Unix line ending fixup tool. It is provided in source form here because not all Unix installations have it (for example MAC OS X didn’t have it). This allows you to compile it yourself for your target system.
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### 4.4 Directory: doc

basic.docx	Contains documentation for Basic-P5.
iso7185rules.html	A description of the ISO 7185 Pascal language.
the_p5_compiler.docx	This document, in Word 2010.

The\_Programming\_Language\_Pascal\_1973.pdf

Niklaus Wirth's description of the Pascal language, the last version to come from ETH. This is the equivalent of the "Report", from "Pascal user's manual and report [Jensen and Wirth].

## 4.5 Directory: fpc

This directory contains scripts specifically modified for FPC.

compile	
compile.bat	The FPC specific version of the compile script.
Makefile	The FPC specific version of the make input file for P5 builds.
p5	
p5.bat	The FPC specific version of the p5 script.
run	
run.bat	The FPC specific version of the run script.

## 4.6 Directory: Fpc/linux\_X86

pcom	
pint	Contains binaries compiled by FPC for Linux/Ubuntu

## 4.7 Directory: mac\_X86

A placeholder for Mac OS X specific files.

## 4.8 Directory: fpc/standard\_tests

iso7185pat.cmp	Contains the compare file for iso7185pat for fpc.
iso7185pats.cmp	Contains the compare file for iso7185pats for fpc.

## 4.9 Directory: fpc/windows\_X86

pcom.exe	
pint.exe	Contains binaries compiled by FPC for Windows.

## 4.10 Directory: gpc

This directory contains scripts specifically modified for GPC.

compile	
compile.bat	The GPC specific version of the compile script.
Makefile	The GPC specific version of the make input file for P5 builds.
p5	
p5.bat	The GPC specific version of the p5 script.
run	
run.bat	The GPC specific version of the run script.

## 4.11 Directory: gpc/linux\_X86

pcom	
pint	Contains binaries compiled by GPC for Linux/Ubuntu

#### 4.12 Directory: mac\_X86

A placeholder for Mac OS X specific files.

#### 4.13 Directory: gpc/standard\_tests

iso7185pat.cmp      Contains the compare file for iso7185pat for gpc.

iso7185pats.cmp      Contains the compare file for iso7185pats for gpc.

#### 4.14 Directory: gpc/windows\_X86

pcom.exe  
pint.exe      Contains binaries compiled by GPC for Windows.

#### 4.15 Directory: ip\_pascal

This directory contains scripts specifically modified for IP Pascal.

compile  
compile.bat      The IP Pascal specific version of the compile script.

Makefile      The IP Pascal specific version of the make input file for P5 builds.

cpcom  
cpcom.bat      The IP Pascal specific version of the compile compiler script.

cpint  
cpint.bat      The IP Pascal specific version of the compile interpreter script.

p5  
p5.bat      The IP Pascal specific version of the p5 script.

run.bat  
run      The IP Pascal specific version of the run script.

#### 4.16 Directory: ip\_pascal/standard\_tests

iso7185pat.cmp      Contains the compare file for iso7185pat for IP Pascal.

iso7185pats.cmp      Contains the compare file for iso7185pats for IP Pascal.

#### 4.17 Directory: ip\_pascal/windows\_X86

pcom.exe  
pint.exe      Contains binaries compiled by IP Pascal for Windows

#### 4.18 Subdirectory: sample\_programs

Note that each test program as a .pas, a .inp (batch input, which could be empty) and output compare file .cmp. See 8.1.1 for more information.

basics.inp  
basics.cmp  
basics.pas      A tiny basic interpreter in Pascal.

drystone.cmp drystone.inp drystone.pas	File set for drystone benchmark.
fbench.com fbench.inp fbench.pas	Another benchmark program.
hello.inp hello.cmp hello.pas	The standard "hello, world" program.
match.cmp match.inp match.pas	A game, place "match" a number game.
match.bas	The basic version of the match game. This is the same program that appears in match.inp.
pascals.cmp pascals.inp pascals.pas	Niklaus Wirth's Pascal-s subset interpreter.
prime.cmp prime.inp prime.pas	A Pascal benchmark program.
qsort.cmp qsort.inp qsort.pas	A Pascal benchmark program.
roman.inp roman.cmp roman.pas	Prints roman numerals. From Niklaus Wirth's "User Manual and Report".
startrek.inp startrek.cmp startrek.pas	Startrek game.

#### 4.19 Directory: source

source/pcom.pas	The compiler source in Pascal.
source/pint.pas	The interpreter source in Pascal.

#### 4.20 Directory: standard\_tests

iso7185pat.cmp	Contains the output from the PAT file with the IP Pascal compiled P5 executables above.
iso7185pat.inp	The input file for the Pascal acceptance test.

iso7185pat.pas	The Pascal Acceptance Test. This is a single Pascal source that tests how well a given Pascal implementation obeys ISO 7185 Pascal. It can be used on P5 or any other Pascal implementation.
iso7185pats.cmp	Contains the output from the PAT file resulting from the cpints run. This is slightly different than the normal run.
iso7185prt.bat	Compiles the Pascal rejection tests.
iso7185prtXXXX.cmp	Comparison file for pascal rejection test. XXXX is a four digit number. See the rejection tests text for information.
Iso7185prtXXXX.inp	Contains the input file for the Pascal rejection test XXXX.
Iso7185prtXXXX.pas	Contains the source file for the Pascal rejection test XXXX.

## 5 Differences between Pascal-P4 and Pascal-P5

### 5.1 Viewing changes

The difference set between P4 sources and P5 sources, as available on <http://www.standardpascal.com>, were used in this text. This can be done with a standard Unix “diff” command, however, I recommend an advanced visual difference such as WinMerge or similar be used. This type of source difference analyzer is simply better suited to deal with a complex set of changes such as I will present here.

### 5.2 Notes about change descriptions

For references in the code, I have used a different typeface, as in:

**reference**

This means you will find the symbol in the code.

I don’t comment on simple formatting changes. While as I said earlier I attempt to limit formatting changes, I did make them occasionally where they might make the source more clear.

I have not used line numbers in the description. Instead, I have described the code from top to bottom and pointed out landmarks, such as “in the types section”, “in procedure x”, etc. I think this works better than line numbers, which are obsolete whenever changes are made to the source.

As with all Pascal sources, the case of the identifiers is not to be taken literally. If an identifier appeared at the start of a sentence in this text, I capitalized it.

### 5.3 Changes to the parser

#### 5.3.1 Thematic changes

Most of the changes to P4 involved single features that need to be added or changed in the compiler. However, there were a few things that needed to be generally changed in the system.

##### 5.3.1.1 Variable strings

First, the allocation of strings was changed from the fixed strings used in P4, to a type of dynamic string that can take any length. The method used for this appears in the Pascal FAQ:

<http://www.standardpascal.com/pascalfaq.html#Q. Can variable length strings be used in stand>

Basically, a string becomes a series of linked short arrays whose length is referred to as a “quanta” of string characters. In the release compiler that is 10 characters. The string itself is a pointer to a list of records containing quantas and pointers to the next quanta record.

The string itself is a space padded string, just as the previous strings in P4 were. The constant record contains the length of the string, and the value of the string simply changes to a list of string quanta instead of the string itself.

There are a series of routines that deal with the quanta based string form, such as finding the padded length, writing them to the output, interchange between quanta based and fixed length string forms, and comparisons.

The string quanta representation is used both for the internal storage of strings, and for symbols in the compiler. This solves the ISO 7185 need to keep symbol characters significant no matter how many characters appear.

#### 5.3.1.2 Recycling based on dispose

The other major change within the compiler is the removal of the use of **mark** and **release** procedures and replacement with ISO 7185 **dispose**. The **mark** and **release** system consisted of saving the heap address in a variable, then using that to reset the heap pointer later to “cut” heap so that all variables allocated between the **mark** and the **release** are simply lost. It is a very dirty and machine dependent operation that by rights was not included in the standard. It was used because it takes all the work of tracking and returning dynamic variables to free storage.

With **mark/release** gone, the principle requirement was to accomplish “tear downs” of all of the dynamic structures when a block left scope. There are several routines that help with recycling, and there are a series of counters that track the entry of new variables in the heap, and the exit of previous variables from the heap. These were used to “prove out” the new storage management system. If the counters are not zero at the end of any run, there is a storage leak somewhere.

#### 5.3.1.3 Files

Files had to be extensively reworked in P5. In P4 files were limited to text types. However, the upgrade of files to any type had far reaching consequences. In P4, the handling of the file buffer was just passed on to the host. With any possible component type, file buffers must be managed just as formal variables.

Also, P4 only allowed the four predefined **files**, **input**, **output**, **pr** and **prd** to be accessed. In P4 files were recognized by their address on the stack. This does not work when an arbitrary number of files can appear in the program.

In P5, a file is defined as a logical number of 1 byte length, followed by a buffer variable for the file, that matches the component type of the file. The result is that when the address of the file is known, both the logical id of the file, and the buffer variable for it can be accessed.

The logical file number is used to index into a logical file table in the interpreter that associates a non-zero file with one of 255 actual files. The initialized state of 0 for a file id indicates that the file was never opened, and this is used as a flag to allocate a file table entry for it.

The runtime association of a logical file id to a real file means that file types themselves don’t need to be converted to and from a byte format in the pseudo machine.

#### 5.3.1.4 *Byte oriented pseudo-machine*

The original P4 pseudo-machine was based on having a single word for all instructions and operands that was formed around the native word size of the machine. This was a very good and efficient plan for the original CDC 6000 computer series, and it is not a bad plan for today's machines, either. However, having instructions and operands that are quantized in bytes is a better match for today's machines, and results in better utilization of memory.

Thus, the P5 pseudo-features both instructions and operands packed along byte boundaries. Each instruction is a number from 0 to 255 and fits in a single byte. The P and Q operands of the P4 machine are optional by instruction and P occupies one byte, while Q (which is commonly used for immediate integers and addresses) occupies the basic word length of the machine.

The result is an instruction set that only takes as many bytes as the particular instruction requires, and data in memory that occupies its inherent size. Bytes for characters and boolean, words for addresses and integers, reals on their required length, and sets on their required length (typically 32 bytes or 256 bits, one for each possible character in a byte).

The P5 machine does *not* feature addresses and integers sized for their length. If an integer immediate is 3, it does not get only one byte of storage, it gets a full word. This is a common optimization in such implementations of a byte machine as JVM or UCSD that enable programs to be packed in less space. I tried a sample implementation of packing immediate integer operands in their native byte size, and the result was code for the compiler itself (always a good benchmark) that occupied about %10 less space, but complicated pint quite a bit. I didn't think that this fit P5's goal of being the simplest possible implementation of the full Pascal language so I took it back out. It *is* a good optimization, especially if all of the possible compressions are used together to result in a reduced code and data requirement. However, I decided it belonged to a later version of Pascal-P.

### 5.3.2 Reading the source code

#### 5.3.2.1 *Exit label*

The first change is the addition of an exit label, **99**. This is a "Wirthism", and I am sure he meant **99** to mean "the last label in the program", implying he thought that less than 100 labels were all a typical program should need or want.

There is only one direct error exit in the program, which I added for a compiler fault. All other (P4) errors let the parser continue.

#### 5.3.2.2 *The machine parameter block*

P5 starts with the machine parameter block in the constants section. For the most part, this is simple rearrangement of the existing constants to highlight which constants control the characteristics of the target machine. P4 had such a machine parameter list, I simply highlighted it.

You might say that the characteristics of a pseudo machine don't vary, and are not important. However, Pascal-P is designed to target real machines as well, and very much treats its pseudo machine as a real machine with real sizes.

The isolation of the machine parameter block both highlights it and makes it easier to copy and paste it to the interpreter program pint. Of course, ideally this would be done automatically by an `#include` or similar statement, but the use of such a block is a workable solution.

Thus you will find that several parameters not important to the interpreter have been moved down or out. **Maxint** was removed, meaning that the size of some items comes from the host compiler. This was

done because **maxint** is used both to specify things only within the parser, as well as machine specific parameters. Probably a better way would be to have a separate **maxint** just for the target.

**Displimit**, **maxlevel** and **strlgth** (string length) were moved down, since they are not machine specific. **Lcaftermarkstack** is moved down and equated to a new machine parameter, **marksize**. I needed to represent the size of a mark in the interpreter, and carrying the parser oriented **lcaftermarkstack** name down didn't seem appropriate. So **lcaftermarkstack** lives, but simply as an equation to the machine parameter **marksize**.

After that, we find what is new with the P5 compiler. **Heapal** sets the alignment for the machine, but is unused in the parser. This is an example of "standardizing" the machine specific parameter block.

**Maxresult** sets the size of the largest result a function can return, and this is needed now on machines where there is a difference between that and other types, say, integer. **Marksize** was covered above.

**Nilval** is an interesting constant, and represents the value assigned to pointers that do not point anywhere. You would expect it to be zero, but this means that variables that were cleared to zero, and not specifically assigned a nil value, are also effectively nil. Having nil be a non-zero value adds the ability for P5 to check for uninitialized pointers (unfortunately one of the few types where uninitialized checking is easy).

### 5.3.2.3 Other constants

**Maxlevel** was increased to follow the increased ability of pint to handle nested procedures. This also required a change to **displimit**. **Displimit** must be greater than **maxlevel** by definition, since there are more levels used than procedure or function levels at any given time, because records add a scoping level outside of procedures and functions.

**Strlgth** (string length) is an interesting constant. It used to be the absolute determinant of string lengths in the parser, but the parser now has the ability to represent any length string via string quanta. It still does that job, but all strings no longer are simply sized as arrays of characters with **strlgth** length. Instead, the buffers used to read strings in are still such arrays, then the string quanta system is used to store them. Thus, **strlgth** being a large value, the size of a maximum input line, no longer wastes space in the parser.

You will find the constant 250 several places as the effective limit of an input line. This is a "Scottisim", that is an old habit of rounding off 256 for the length of a line buffer. The curious thing is that nowhere in the parser is there an input line buffer ! Thus, 250 simply stands for the maximum size of runs of characters we allow in the input (this could be removed entirely by making all string buffers variable length).

**Digmax** was converted from an integer variable to a constant. It was treated as a constant in **P4**, set but never modified. In **P5**, since reals are stored as variable length strings, it is the size of the maximum length of digits we expect in the source, and thus is 250 for the same reasons as **strlgth**.

After that, there are a series of manifest constants. This was simply my annoyance with the magic numbers used to create the tables in the parser. **Maxsp**, **maxins**, **maxids**, **maxstd**, **maxres**, **reslen**, **prtlIn**, **intdeff**, **reldeff**, **chrdeff** and **boldeff** are all examples of such constants, and explained in the comments. In this case, the magic numbers are simply moved a short distance from the variables section for the program block to the constants section, but it reflects my habit of wanting to see all key adjustments to a program up high in the constants section.

**Varsqt** is a new constant and represents the size of a string quanta (discussed previously). Changing this constant up or down will effectively change the amount of string space wasted in "last block



breakage” for strings. If a string occupies 41 characters, and **varsqt** is 10, then 9 characters are wasted in the last quanta of the string. Changing this value lower means less padding waste, but increases the overhead due to the need for multiple quanta and pointers. Changing it higher increases padding waste, and decreases the total pointer overhead.

The debug flag **dodmplex** causes all of the input symbols to be dumped when the lexical analyzer discovers them. **Doprtryc** dumps all of the recycling tracking counts at the end of the parser run. These flags probably should have been tied into the option comment system, which uses the

(\*opt+/-\*)

Format.

The version numbers come from the fact that P5 now signs on. The current version number, 0.8, simply comes from P5 being “unreleased, 8<sup>th</sup> version”, which should probably be changed to a full (1.x) release.

I think of the major number as being a release number, that is, counting the number of times that a major change was released to users. The minor number is simply marks a series of changes. In fact, for internal projects here I add a third number that changes with each build.

#### 5.3.2.4 Types

**Marktype** is a vestige of the **mark/release** system and is commented out. When I started changing P4 to P5 I tried to preserve the original compiler and changes via commenting things out, but this rapidly became unmanageable. This is a leftover.

For **symbol**, the list of reserved symbols, **forwardsy** was removed because **forward** is not a reserved word in ISO 7185. **Nilsy** was added because **nil** is a reserved symbol in ISO 7185.

For **chtp** or character types, **chlcmt** was added because we added “{” as an opening to the new style of comments {}.

**Strvs** is the declaration of a single quanta for a variable length string, and **strvsp** is a pointer to such an entry.

**Strvsp** is then used to replace a fixed length string **sval** in the record **constant**, and fixed length string **name** in **identifier**. Note that in **constant**, the string length is held in **slgth**, and in **identifier**, the string is a right padded identifier whose length is inherent. This is, again, why **strvs** does not need a length as part of its structure.

In the record **structure**, I added a next **structure** pointer, which is used to form lists for the new total recycling system. In general, you see these new recycling links added only when there was not already a linked list system of representation that could be followed to complete the recycling teardown. Fortunately, most structures already had such a list representation.

Also in **structure**, the boolean **packing** was added to mark the packed/unpacked status of structures. This was needed for ISO 7185 compliance.

Again in **structure**, the boolean **matchpack** indicates to the type compare routine **comptypes** if packing status matters. This is because set constants appearing in the code assume the packing status of the other operand in expressions, and thus are disabled for packing checks.

Finally, in **structure**, a field was added just to records as **recyc** that contains a list of structures appearing in the field list for a record. This was needed to keep track of such entries for the new recycling system.

The original alpha, which signified “a standard identifier string” in P4, was replaced with two fixed string types more appropriate to each use of the type. **ldstr** is used for external filenames and general identifiers. **restr** is used for reserved words.

**Nmstr** is a new declaration for a string buffer that contains the characters making up a real. It is used by **insymbol**. **P4** and **P5** both treat reals (but not integers) as just the string of characters that make up the number. This is how **Pascal-P** keeps from imposing any of the characteristics of its underlying real type on the input number. The conversion to a binary type is left entirely to **pint**.

**Csstr** is also new, and it is the buffer type used to store constant strings while they are being parsed.

**Identifier** had **name** changed to accept variable length identifiers as described (out of order) above.

**Identifier** also gets the boolean flag **keep** which is used to keep parameter ids out of the recycling system when a block is torn down. This is necessary because parameter lists need to stay around even after the block the procedure or function defined is sent back to recycling.

**Identifier** contains a series of variants for the type of object it names. **Proc** and **func** mark both procedures and procedure or function parameters. These then need a frame offset address as **pfaddr**, just as **vars** do.

**Pflist** is needed because when we tear down a procedure or function block and recycle the entries, the parameter list for a procedure or function is removed from the general storage system. So the **keep** flag above saves the list, and **pflist** is used to keep that list around so that we can check for parameter list congruence.

**Testp** and the **testpointer** record was eliminated because type comparisons no longer recursively examine types for structural equivalence. This is one of the few areas where the ISO 7185 standard actually simplified the code.

The **labl** record gets quite a few more fields to cover the requirements on goto labels that they not reference deeper nested structures, and to allow intraprocedural gotos. The algorithm is outlined in “A model implementation of standard Pascal” [Welsh & Hay].

The **vlevel** field saves the procedure nesting level at the point the label is defined. It is used to output the difference between the nesting level at the time of a goto and its target in order to adjust the stack frame.

The **slevel** field saves the statement nesting level at the point the label is defined. It is used to check for references to deeper nested statements, and to flag inactive statement blocks.

**lpcref** is used to flag if the label was targeted by an intraprocedural goto, and can produce an error if the label is nested at greater than level one in the defining statement of the label.

**Minlvl** tracks the minimum statement level of all the referencing gotos for a label. It is used to flag an error if a goto references a deeper nested label.

**Bact** flags if the containing statement block for a label is active. If the label is in a block that is no longer active, this flag is reset. This is how P5 checks for gotos between statement levels where the goto

is at the same or greater statement nesting, but in a different statement block. This algorithm will be covered later.

Finally, the type declaration for case statement tracking entries was moved from the **casestatement** procedure to the global types section. This was mainly done so that the recycling routines **getc** and **putc** procedures could be global, and thus is perhaps a questionable change. I suspect that it was a matter of wanting to see the recycling control routines lined up in the same section.

### 5.3.2.5 Variables

The ISO 7185 required declaration of **pr** as text type is bracked by special comments that an external sed script uses to change the file **pcom.pas** to **pcomm.pas** in order to accomplish a self compile. The sed script changes:

```
{elide} to {
```

And

```
{noelide} to }
```

And thus converts:

```
{elide}pr: text;{noelide}
```

To

```
{pr: text;}
```

Commenting the statement out for self compile.

The reason why this needs to be done is because of the way program parameters are classified in **ISO 7185**. If the parameter is “known”, that is, a compiler defined parameter of the program such as **input** or **output**, then it automatically possesses the compiler defined type, which is usually text. If the parameter is not predefined, then it’s type must be made clear via a definition in the global variables.

**Prr** is “unknown” when **pcom** is compiled by another compiler. However, to **P5**, **prr** is “known”, and so should not appear in a global variable definition.

Fortunately, there are few of these sorts of changes required for the self compile. I have marked them in comments with “!!!” to make them easy to find.

The variable **id**, used to contain the last identifier seen by the scanner, is changed from the general alpha type used in **P4** to the more specific **idstr** in **P5**. Note that this results in a fairly large buffer for identifiers at the global level, but whenever **id** is copied into a specific symbol, it is changed to our variable length format.

**Kk** gets a constant define **maxids** for its maximum value, part of the “magic number” elimination drive.

**Outputptr** and **inppptr** are identifier pointers that are set to the entries for the **input** and **output** predefined files. These pointers are used to gain access to the actual definition of the files in **P5** when they are used as defaults in statements like read and write. In **P4**, they were simply referred to by their fixed offset addresses in the program stack frame.

**Stalvl** was added to keep track of statement nesting. Each statement, **if**, **while**, **with**, etc., adds a level. If the statement nests like a begin, the statement level also increases. This is used to track goto labels.

**Globtestp** was removed as described above.

**Display**, which is an array of records that keeps track of the block nesting levels of the program, is central to the new recycling system. In fact most of the tedious process of tearing down and recycling all of the entries in a nested block can be done by reference to the display record. In accordance with this, two new fields were added to the display to keep a list of things that were not explicitly tracked in **P4**. **Fconst** was added to track constant entries, and **fstruct** was added to structure entries. Both of these entry types, **constant** and **structure**, received next list links in **P5**, and so form a linear list attached to a display record.

In **errlist**, the field **nmr** range was increased from 1..400 to 1..500, reflecting the true span of error numbers in use. The error 500 was in use in **P4**, it indicated a compiler error in the **gentypindicator** routine for an unexpected type.

Between the global variables **rw** and **pdx**, what follows are a series of magic number eliminations which were covered in the constants section. The only change not of that nature is the change in **na** from **alpha** to **restr**, which is a change from the general string type **alpha** to a more specific type **restr** for reserved word strings.

The pseudoconstant **digmax** was moved back to the constants section, as detailed above.

The variables section finishes out with several new variables.

**Inputhdf** and **outputhdf** are booleans that indicate if the **input** or **output** file appeared in the program header file. They are used to generate errors if the default file is used in a read or write, but does not appear in the header.

**Errtbl** is an array of booleans, one per possible error number, that are used to track the total set of errors that occurred in the program. This is used to generate a new feature in **P5**, which is a dictionary of error number equivalences in the program. This was done in **Pascal-S**, and I decided to carry it over to **P5**. The saving of memory no longer was warranted, and **Pascal-P** could now support the long strings required, so it was included. It is perhaps the only example in **P5** of an improvement that was not absolutely required by the standard.

**Toterr** is a counter for all of the errors in the program, and is used for a diagnostic at the end.

The recycling counters that appear next, **strcnt**, **cspcnt**, **stpcnt**, **ctpcnt**, **tstcnt**, **lbpcent**, **filcnt**, and **cipcnt**, are incremented for each new dynamic storage record that is allocated, and decremented when these records are freed. These counters are how the new/dispose system of **P5** was validated after replacing the mark/release system of **P4**. If the counters are zero after the run, the system works. If any counter is positive 1 or more, then one or more of the entries failed to be disposed of. If any counter is negative 1 or less, then one or more of the entries was disposed of multiple times.

The tracking counters can be printed by constant flag at the end of the run. They are normally not printed, but can be turned on for a health check of the dynamic storage system.

F and I are used to print the error table at the end of the program block.

### 5.3.2.6 Procedures and functions

For the rest of the program, here is a map of the program, procedure and function blocks from the entire program:

```
program pascalcompiler
  procedure getstr
  procedure putstrs
  procedure getlab
  procedure putlab
  procedure pshcst
  procedure putcst
  procedure pshstc
  procedure putstc
  procedure ininam
  procedure putnam
  procedure putnams
  procedure putdsp
  procedure putdspd
  procedure getfil
  procedure putfil
  procedure getcas
  procedure putcas
  function lcase
  procedure lcases
  function strequri
  procedure writev
  function lenpv
  procedure strassvf
  procedure strassvr
  procedure strassvd
  procedure strassvc
  function strequvv
  function strltnvv
  function strequvf
  function strltnvf
  function strchr
  procedure strchrass
  procedure prtdsp
  procedure endofline
  procedure errmsg
  procedure error
  procedure insymbol
    procedure nextch
    procedure options
  procedure enterid
  procedure searchsection
  procedure searchidne
  procedure searchid
  procedure getbounds
  function alignquot
  procedure align
  procedure printtables
```

```
function stptoint
function ctptoint
procedure marker
    procedure markstp
    procedure markctp
    procedure followstp
    procedure followctp
procedure genlabel
procedure searchlabel
procedure newlabel
procedure prtlabels
procedure block
    procedure skip
    procedure constant
    function string
    function comptypes
    function filecomponent
    function string
    procedure typ
        procedure simpletype
        procedure fieldlist
    procedure labeldeclaration
    procedure constdeclaration
    procedure typedeclaration
    procedure vardeclaration
    procedure procdeclaration
        procedure pushlvl
        procedure parameterlist
    procedure body
        procedure addlvl
        procedure sublvl
        procedure mes
        procedure putic
        procedure gen0
        procedure gen1
        procedure gen2
        procedure gentypindicator
        procedure gen0t
        procedure gen1t
        procedure gen2t
        procedure load
        procedure store
        procedure loadaddress
        procedure genfjp
        procedure genujpxjp
        procedure genipj
        procedure gencupent
        procedure genlpa
        procedure checkbnds
        procedure putlabel
        procedure statement
```

```
procedure expression
procedure selector
procedure call
  procedure variable
  procedure getputresetrewriteprocedure
  procedure pageprocedure
  procedure readprocedure
  procedure writeprocedure
  procedure packprocedure
  procedure unpackprocedure
  procedure newdisposeprocedure
  procedure absfunction
  procedure sqrfunction
  procedure truncfunction
  procedure roundfunction
  procedure oddfunction
  procedure ordfuction
  procedure chrfunction
  procedure predsuccfunction
  procedure eofeofnfunction
  procedure callnonstandard
  procedure compparam
procedure expression
  procedure simpleexpression
    procedure term
      procedure factor
procedure assignment
procedure gotostatement
procedure compoundstatement
procedure ifstatement
procedure casestatement
procedure repeatstatement
procedure whilestatement
procedure forstatement
procedure withstatement
procedure programme
procedure entstdnames
procedure enterundecl
procedure exitundecl
procedure initscalars
procedure initsets
procedure inittables
  procedure reswords
  procedure symbols
  procedure rators
  procedure procmnemonics
  procedure instrmnemonics
  procedure chartypes
  procedure initdx
```

For each procedure or function that was changed, added or deleted, a new heading will appear.

Two major sections of support procedures and functions were added globally. The first covers recycling using new/dispose. The second covers string handling using our new variable string length system.

#### 5.3.2.7 Recycling support routines

When allocating control records, the method followed is to introduce a pair of procedures, **get** and **put**, for each record type. This gives a central point to control the method of allocation and tracking of each type.

Some types have variants that are too complex for the simple **get** and **put** scheme. The variants would have to appear as parameters to the **get** routine. So the method followed there is to let the main code allocate the record with **new**, then provide a routine that completes the processing on the created entry.

Recycling of control records falls into two classes. The first are entries that are directly rooted in the **display**. The second are records that can be recovered as links from the first type of entries. The reason it matters here is that the **display** rooted entries have their get processing combined with a push to the list that is rooted to the display, and are termed **psh** (for “push”) procedures, because all of the lists are represented as pushdown lists.

##### 5.3.2.7.1 Procedure getstr

Getstr gets a single quanta, or element, of a variable length string.

##### 5.3.2.7.2 Procedure putstrs

Putstrs recycles a list of string quantas that make up a variable length string. Variable length strings are built up one quanta at a time, but released as a set.

##### 5.3.2.7.3 procedure getlab

Gets a single label entry.

##### 5.3.2.7.4 procedure putlab

Releases a single label entry.

##### 5.3.2.7.5 procedure pshcst

In the case of constants, the number of variants make it inconvenient to follow the **get/put** rule. Instead, pshcst is used to place a **constant** record to the **display** rooted list, then perform the tracking counts.

##### 5.3.2.7.6 procedure putcst

Releases a **constant** record. Also releases the set of string quanta contained, if the constant is a string.

##### 5.3.2.7.7 procedure pshstc

Pushes a structure record to the display rooted list and counts it.

##### 5.3.2.7.8 procedure putstc

Releases a **structure** record.

##### 5.3.2.7.9 procedure ininam

Performs processing on an **identifier** record. **Identifier** records are kept in a binary search tree rooted to the display, and have complex variant structure. So this routine simply finishes allocation processing, and thus bears an **ini** prefix.

##### 5.3.2.7.10 procedure putnam

Releases an **identifier** record. Also releases the variable length string that keeps the **identifier** name itself. Finally, **putnam** takes care of releasing parameter lists for procedures and functions. Parameter



lists are kept out of the recycling for the block that contains them because the surrounding block needs to refer to them to check the structure of passed parameters in a call. This is what the **keep** flag does.

Thus, when the procedure or function entry that contains the parameter list is recycled, it is time to recycle the parameter list as well.

#### 5.3.2.7.11 procedure putnams

Releases an entire tree of **identifier** names. Identifier records are rooted in **display** and have a binary tree structure. Thus, this procedure tours the tree and performs a depth first pruning of the tree. It won't touch records with the keep flag on, which is a bit confusing with respect to the **putnam** comments. However, at the time of **putnams**, the identifiers that reference the parameter list are removed from the block symbol list, but kept on their associated procedure or function header list. This is a consequence of the unification of **identifier** name records and the structuring information about what the name contains.

#### 5.3.2.7.12 procedure putdsp

**Putdsp** is the key routine in the new P5 recycling system. **Putdsp** recycles a **display** level, that is, all of the entries that are rooted to the given **display** level are sent back to free storage. In the **P4** system, the process of removing a **display** scoping level was simply a matter of decrementing the **level** count and performing a **release** procedure to remove all outstanding entries. **Putdsp** starts with the use of **putnams** to release the binary identifier tree. This is most convenient as a subroutine, because it calls itself recursively for the left and right forks that form the tree.

Next, the label entries are disposed of, followed by the constant list.

The **structure** list is disposed of with a subroutine **putsub** that checks if the structure is a record, and frees the list of structures that comprise the record if so. It also removes the identifiers that are attached to the record. The identifiers that make up the field list of the record don't appear in the **display**. A **display** level is used to collect them when the record is defined, but the root of that tree is saved into the **fstfld** field of the record structure. The structures corresponding to the record structure fields themselves are stored in the **recyc** field, which is new with **P5**.

You might think that the identical looking **recvar** field from P4 would do this job, but this field actually points to the record variant part, if it has one.

Tagfields for records are treated specially. They are allowed to be anonymous, but take an identifier entry in any case. The problem is that they don't also appear in the identifier tree, and so don't get recycled. We check for this special case and perform it here.

Because **putsub** recurses to process all fields of a record, and entire record is torn down here.

#### 5.3.2.7.13 procedure putdsps

**Putdsp** is called for a particular level number, but could be abused by being used to pull down display levels out of stacking order. However, this does not happen. The procedure **putdsps** is used to tear down all display levels until a given display level is reached. It might seem to make sense to only remove scoping levels one at a time, but levels are created for things like record scoping, and this is handled by saving the level at the start of the procedure or function that defines a block, then removing all levels until the block is removed, also removing any record subscoping.

#### 5.3.2.7.14 procedure getfil

The **getfil** procedure simply gets and tracks an external file entry.

### 5.3.3 procedure putfil

**Putfil** recycles and tracks an external file entry.

#### 5.3.3.1.1 procedure getcas

**Getcas** allocates and tracks a case statement entry.

#### 5.3.3.1.2 procedure putcas

**Putcas** recycles and tracks a case statement entry.

### 5.3.3.2 Character and string quanta routines

The majority of the complexity for the new variable length string system in P5 is enclosed in a series of routines in this section. The buffers used in P4 to represent things such as identifiers and strings that the scanner reads in still exist, but of course are much larger. They are converted to variable string format when the buffers are copied to **identifier** records, or **constant** records. This saves us from having to modify all of the scanner code that parses and collects these values, and results in the same amount of savings in space from not having to store the buffers literally.

The string handlers are oriented around three different formats:

**Idstr** Which gives a maximum length of string buffer in P5.

**Restr** Which is used for reserved words only (like procedure, var type, etc.).

**Strvsp** Which is a variable string based on a linked list of string quanta.

Despite the name, **idstr** is used for all identifiers and string constants in buffers. **Restr** is simply used to define the length of entries in the reserved word table. **Strvsp** represents variable strings in their “efficient” format, which is a linked list of string quanta.

For each of the fixed **idstr** and **restre** there exist conversions to the variable length **strvsp** type. This is used to convert fixed length buffers into variable length strings in data structures for the compiler. In addition, several cross type comparison routines exist so that fixed buffers can be compared to variable string types.

It also occasionally matters as to what the right space padded length of a variable length string is. A right padded string is a string with blanks or spaces at the right side:

```
'my long string      '
```

Is a 14 character, right padded string in a 20 character stored format. This may seem odd that we use this mechanism from old, fixed length string Pascal for variable length strings. However, the string quanta system does not exactly represent the length of strings, but the length of the string rounded up to the nearest quanta, which in the release compiler is equivalent to 10. This means that, for example, if the string to be stored is 35 characters, 4 quantas must be used, for a total space of 40 characters, with 5 characters of right padding.

Variable strings in **P5** have no inherent method to indicate length. For identifiers and reserved words, the right padded length (the length of the string with all right hand space padding removed) is used. For constant strings, the length of the string is actually kept as a separate field.

Many of the string routines have a naming convention based on using a few letters at the end. Unfortunately, the convention was not that evenly implemented. Never the less, here are the characters used:

R	Reserved
V	Variable
F	Fixed (usually identifier strings)
I	Fixed identifiers
D	Digit string
C	Constant string

If the routine only takes one parameter, then only one trailing character will appear. If it takes two parameters, there will be two characters in order of the parameters. For example, **writenv** takes a single variable parameter. **Strassvf** takes two parameters, a destination variable string and a source fixed string. **Writenv** tells you it is the standard write procedure for variable strings. **Strassvf** means to assign a fixed to variable string.

#### 5.3.3.2.1 function lcasc

Lcasc converts upper case characters to lower case characters. It is used to establish case insensitivity, which was not present in the P4 compiler.

#### 5.3.3.2.2 procedure lcases

Lcases converts an entire identifier string to lower case. It is a key routine to establish case insensitivity in identifiers.

#### 5.3.3.2.3 function strequri

**Strequri** checks if a reserved word string is equal to an identifier string, disregarding case. This is used to compare the scanner identifier buffer to various reserved word and short strings.

#### 5.3.3.2.4 procedure writenv

This procedure is used to provide write style fielded length output capability for variable length strings. It is exclusively used for diagnostics in P5.

#### 5.3.3.2.5 function lenpv

This function finds the right padded length of a variable length string.

#### 5.3.3.2.6 procedure strassvf

Assigns a fixed length identifier string to a variable length string. Note that string quantas are allocated as required to create the linked list that is the result.

#### 5.3.3.2.7 procedure strassvr

As in **strassvf**, but assigns a reserved word string to a variable length string.

#### 5.3.3.2.8 procedure strassvd

As in **strassvf**, but assigns a number string to a variable length string.

#### 5.3.3.2.9 procedure strassvc

As in **strassvf**, but assigns a constant string to a variable length string.

#### 5.3.3.2.10 function strequvv

Compares two variable length strings without regard to case. Strings are equal only if they are also equal in length.

#### 5.3.3.2.11 function `strltnvv`

Compare that one variable length string is after another in character order. That is:

```
'alpha' < 'beta'
```

You will note that the length of the strings is irrelevant. Why? Consider:

```
'markalpha' < 'marker'
```

Because the first would be alphabetized before the second in a dictionary.

Note that when performing string compares using a fairly complex method (compared to letting the compiler do it), we only need to define the routines for equals and less than. This is because all other compare types can be derived from these two basic types:

```
a > b   is      not (a < b) and not (a = b)
```

```
a <= b  is      not (b < a)
```

etc.

#### 5.3.3.2.12 function `strequvf`

Finds a variable string equal to an identifier string. This is used to compare variable strings in data tables to fixed buffers.

#### 5.3.3.2.13 function `strltnvf`

Finds a variable string less than an identifier string. Why do we need a less than for identifiers, but not for reserved words? Because identifiers are stored in binary search trees, and reserved words are found via straight linear searches.

#### 5.3.3.2.14 Function `strchr`

Returns a single character from the given index in a variable string. It finds which quanta the index belongs to, and retrieves the character from that quanta. If the index is beyond the end of the total string, a space is returned. This emulates a string that exists right padded in a virtual buffer of infinite length.

#### 5.3.3.2.15 Procedure `strchrass`

Places a single character to the given index in a variable string. It find which quanta the index belongs to, and places the character in the quanta. If the variable string does not have sufficient quanta to represent the character at the index, then any number of quantas are automatically added and set to blanks until it is.

**Strchr** and **strchrass** form the basis for higher level systems using the string quanta format. They could be used to extract or insert a substring, and perform most functions that could be done on fixed strings using the variable string format.

However, **strchr** and **strchrass** were created solely to handle the manipulations required on the variable strings that represent real number constants. Specifically, the ability to read and change the sign, and thus the first character of

#### 5.3.3.2.16 procedure `prtdsp`

Closing out the section of added support routines in **P5** that were not in **P4**, **prtdsp** is a diagnostic routine that was added to debug the compiler. It prints out the contents of the display identifiers in binary tree format.

You will note that P4 already had a fairly complex dump procedure `prtdsp` for the user. `Prtdsp` is strictly a routine for debugging the compiler.

### 5.3.4 Modifications

For the most part, the rest of the changes to routines in the compiler are modifications to existing routines (a large exception is `errmsg` below). Thus you will note that we describe what is new or what has changed in the compiler on a routine by routine basis, and not that the routine does. The P4 description is still valid for the vast majority of these routines.

#### 5.3.4.1 *procedure endoffline*

`Endoffline` gets a small section of code at the end that outputs “line markers” to the intermediate code. This allows `pint` to tell you which source line was associated with which error in the back end. Perhaps one of the most useful modifications to P4.

#### 5.3.4.2 *procedure errmsg*

`Errmsg` was one of the few places I added a modification that was not strictly needed for ISO 7185 compliance. Given an error number, it outputs the equivalent error string. It is used to produce a dictionary of all errors that were seen in the run, very similar to what Pascal-S does. I found it invaluable not only because it avoids the need to go look up errors by number, but also because the errors for P4 were nowhere exactly defined. The “Users Manual and Report” [J&W] gives a list that is very close to P4, even though nowhere could I find a reference that states this. There were a few additional errors used in P4 that didn’t appear in this reference, and I have added yet more for ISO 7185 specific errors.

#### 5.3.4.3 *procedure error*

`Error` begins with a mysterious commented out write statement. The reason for this is that the compiler does not actually output errors when they are entered, but records up to 10 errors in a table and outputs them during `endoffline` processing. This can be quite annoying when you are debugging the compiler, because the errors are delayed until the statement causing the error is long gone. Uncommenting this write statement helps with such debugging.

Then, error records all errors that were seen in `errtbl`, which contains a true/false bit for every error number possible. If an error was seen, its bit is set true. This tells us what errors to output in the dictionary at the end.

You will note that a set is not used for `errtbl`. This is to avoid limitations on set size.

Finally, `error` tallies a total count of errors for the run that is output at the end.

#### 5.3.4.4 *procedure insymbol*

Starting at the top, `insymbol` gets a lot less goto labels, which I consider a major blow for sanity. There was no deliberate effort to get rid of gotos in the procedure, it simply fell out of the required changes naturally. The remaining goto target, 1, is just used to restart the scanner from the top.

`Insymbol` gets a few new flags, including `ferr` and `iscmt`, and a few variable string pointers.

The first change, in the body of `insymbol` proper, was to treat control characters identically to spaces. This is made easy with ASCII/ISO 8859 character encoding, because all control characters are below a space, and printing characters above. Of course this makes the routine dependent on such character sets, but since even Unicode based programs would obey the rule, I believe it can stand.

The idea of ignoring all control characters is that the user can insert things like page feeds and any other control characters into the source without the compiler caring.

**Insymbol** uses the character type table **chartp** to classify characters, and then uses that to divide up the different sections of **insymbol** according to what token they operate on. It exclusively operates on one character at a time, which is why multiple character sequences like ‘>=’ must be handled as a check for a follow on character for ‘>’, and why things like ‘..’ must be rejected within the parsing of a number. Contrast this with the common technique where the current and follow character are simply selected from a table at the start of the scanner.

#### 5.3.4.4.1 Letter: identifiers and reserved words

In the letter section, which parses reserved words and identifiers, we have added an error for reserved words and identifiers that are too long. In P4, identifiers obeyed the rule that only the first 8 characters were significant, which was according to the original J&W rules. In P5, overlength identifiers generate an error, but note that this would only occur on identifiers that were longer than a reasonable line length (250 characters in the current implementation).

**Insymbol** then searches the reserved word table to find if an identifier is a reserved word. This code isn’t changed except for the use of the **strequiri** function to accommodate the new larger **id** buffer. However, it also now checks if the length of the **id** is less than or equal to the largest reserved word, in which case the entire search is unnecessary.

We also initialize the **sy** and **op** variables before the loop, and thus get rid of the need for a goto.

#### 5.3.4.4.2 Number: integers and reals

After the first series of digits are parsed, **insymbol** looks for a possible follow character of ‘.’ or ‘e’. The first signifies a decimal point, the second an exponent. **Insymbol** must reject both the symbols ‘..’ and ‘.’), which look like a decimal point, but are the range and alternate for ‘]’. The first was done in **P4**, the second is new with ISO 7185. To do the rejection, **insymbol** takes advantage of the fact that the input file buffer can look ahead one character.

The first change to **number** is to add a push to the constants list in the **display** for real constants. You’ll note that **number** stores real constants in a constant entry, but lets the caller to **insymbol** handle it if it is an integer. In both cases, the number is left as a string.

In the case of integer, the numeric string is converted to an integer. In the case of real, it is left as a string in order not to impose **pcom**’s binary format limits on the compiler. The conversion to binary real format is left to **pint**.

In **P4**, the real constant string is directly copied to the location in **val**. However, in **P5** that is now a variable string, which means that **P5** can store real constants efficiently. In keeping with the general theme in **P5**, real constants are collected instead in a buffer **rvalb**, then the real constant string is copied to its final location in **val** by the **styrassvd** procedure.

#### 5.3.4.4.3 Chstrquo: Strings

**Chstrquo** is changed to use the **pshcst** to process the new constant, then the string buffer is copied to a variable string by **strassvc**. Unlike other variable length strings, which are inherently right padded modulo the quanta with spaces, string constants have a specific length, as represented in **val** by **slgth**.

#### 5.3.4.4.4 Chperiod: ‘:’, ‘..’ and ‘.’ tokens

Here we get to say goodbye to a very old quirk of Pascal-P where the symbol ‘..’ (range) is treated identically to ‘:’ (colon). I suspect this is a holdover from a day when a range was specified as x:y instead of x..y, but I haven’t been able to find an example of such a program.

In any case, **insymbol** now treats ‘..’ as a range, and adds the ‘.’ symbol (as alternate to ‘]’).

#### 5.3.4.4.5 Chlparen: ‘(‘and comment start

**Chlparen** must handle ‘(’, ‘(\*)’ (comment start), and ‘(.’ (alias for ‘[‘). The follow on character of ‘\*’, ‘.’, or other character determines which. If it is a comment start, **insymbol** checks for a comment option embedded with ‘\$’, just after the start of the comment. For comments, **insymbol** skips forward until the end of a comment is seen, which now must include ‘}’. The difference is handled via a flag, **iscmt**, to compensate for the fact ‘}’ is a single character, and ‘(\*)’ is two.

#### 5.3.4.4.6 Chlcmnt: ISO 7185 comment start

**Cmlcmnt** handles the fact that in ISO 7185, ‘{‘ can also start a comment. This case is very similar to **chlparen**, except that no follow on character need be parsed.

#### 5.3.4.4.7 Lexical dump

A diagnostic was added at the end of **insymbol** to print the token that **insymbol** has parsed. This is simply a large (and yes, poorly formatted) case statement for all of the symbol types. Most of the symbols evaluate to a single string, but **ident**, **intconst**, and **stringconst** can print the actual value of the token as well.

#### 5.3.4.5 procedure enterid

**Enterid** enters a new identifier into the binary tree structure at the top display. The first change was to change it from declaring a local buffer, and copying **fcp^.name** to it. There was no real need for this copy, **fcp** is invariant in the routine, so it looks like the original authors were trying to save the need to perform an indirect field access.

In any case, it no longer makes sense in P5. **Fcp^.name** is a variable string id, and buffering it is no longer wise. So we eliminated the local copy, and changed the compares to **strqueuvv** and **strltnvv**.

#### 5.3.4.6 procedure searchsection

**Searchsection** takes the global **id** string (returned by **insymbol**) and finds it in a binary tree as rooted in the parameter **fcp**. Because identifiers are variable length strings in P5, the compare routines **strequvf** and **strltnvf** must be used.

#### 5.3.4.7 procedure searchidne

**Searchidne** means “**searchid** with no error”. The behavior of **searchid** is that if it does not find the id it was looking for, it outputs an error and returns a “skeleton key” for each general type. This is used to suppress further errors for things like type compares.

There were a few places in P5 where we needed to search for an id, but not print an error. Fortunately, this requirement nests nicely within **searchid**, so we took the first half of the old **searchid**, had it return nil if the id was not found, then that was called **searchidne** and the new **searchid** calls it.

The ability to search without generating an error is used for cases like:

```
type r = record case mysel of ... end;
```

When parsing the identifier **mysel**, we don’t know if it is an id for the tagfield, or the type of the tagfield itself. A follow on token of ‘:’ tells us that, but by then, the id is gone. So a search to find if the id is a type finds this out for us.

#### 5.3.4.8 procedure searchid

**Searchid** simply had the first half of it moved to **searchidne**. It is otherwise identical.



#### 5.3.4.9 *procedure printtables*

This procedure is called when the user selects the **t+** option, for “print tables” (give a compiler dump). It has a few minor changes to cover any changes in the format of table items. These are detailed by subroutines of **printtables**.

#### 5.3.4.10 *procedure followstp*

**Followstp** was changed to use the **writenv** procedure to output real constant **min** and **max** portions of a subrange, because real constants are now variable strings. If this code looks wrong to you, you are not alone. Why would a subrange min or max be a real? Hummm....

#### 5.3.4.11 *procedure followctp*

**Followctp** had to be modified to output the identifier name field as a variable string using **writenv**. It also is changed to output real constants and string constants this way.

#### 5.3.4.12 *procedure searchlabel*

**Searchlabel** was added to support the ISO 7185 **goto** checking requirements. It finds a matching **goto** target label whose number matches the number found by **insymbol** in the given display level. This is returned as a pointer, or **nil** if not found.

#### 5.3.4.13 *procedure newlabel*

**Newlabel** does quite a bit of the processing to allocate a new goto label. It allocates it, places the numeric value of it from the **insymbol** value, generates an internal number for it and sets up all of its fields.

#### 5.3.4.14 *procedure prtlabels*

**Printlabels** simply dumps all of the labels in the current display goto label list. It was used to debug the goto label system, and you will notice that it is not called anywhere. This is because I would place a call to it where I needed a label dump in the code.

Of course, your compiler may warn that the routine is not used. You can suppress this warning, or delete the routine as desired.

#### 5.3.4.15 *procedure block*

**Block** begins the real meat of the compiler. Its actual body does not begin until much later, which is one of the complaints about Pascal’s nested routine ability, that it can have its preamble so far from the actual body code (an issue that **forward** partially solves). The majority of the changes to **block** are in its subroutines.

In the declaration, **test** has been removed and placed into the routines that actually use it, which, curiously, was not **block** itself. **Test** is used for constructs like:

```
repeat
    { parsing code }
    test := sy <> comma;
    if not test then insymbol
until test;
```

It carries the status of the next symbol over **insymbol** so that it can control the loop. This is a common paradigm that eliminates the need for **gotos** and early exit constructs in Pascal.



Test was also used for more complex syntax tests.

Unfortunately, it was not only curious to have **test** declared, but not used in block (as Pemberton mentions), but actually wrong in places. The problem was that essentially making test global to all of block caused it to fail when a subroutine used test and changed the value of its caller. The answer was to move test to the routines that actually use it.

**Block** gets a single new definition, **stavl**, which is a counter that keeps track of the statement nesting level. This is cleared to zero within the body of block.

#### 5.3.4.16 *procedure constant*

**Constant** was modified to use the **pshstc** or “push structure” call to set up a structure for both string and real constants. We also set the “packing” flag on strings, since in ISO 7185, strings, which are defined as:

```
packed array [1..x] of char;
```

Must be packed. It matters now when comparing types.

When negating real constants, **constant** changed the sign by changing the ‘+’ character at the front to a ‘-’ character, and vice versa. Recall that reals are kept in string format. This was changed to use the **strchr** and **strchrass** routines.

A similar method is used to insert a sign later in this routine.

#### 5.3.4.17 *function string*

**String** accepts a structure pointer, and returns true if the type is string. **String** was forwarded ahead of **comptypes**, which now uses this routine. It had to be forwarded, because **string** uses **comptypes**, and so they reference each other.

In **P4**, string simply checked if the type was an array of character. The ISO 7185 demands are greater, and now **string** checks if the array is packed, and begins with an index of 1.

There is also a problem with string constants. They get an index type pointer that is nil (in **factor**). This is because string constants can have any given index type, which would have to be created anew on each string constant encountered. Instead, the index is simply set nil, and this is recognized where necessary.

This causes the problem with string, because it now needs the index type to be an existing type. In **P4**, the index type was ignored in string. **Getbounds** is used to fetch the lower bound, with the high bound discarded, and **getbounds** handles a nil type. Unfortunately, it returns 0s for the bounds, which is the wrong answer (should be 1).

So **string** checks if it has a nil index type, and sets the lower bound to 1, skipping the **getbounds** call. Now the base type of the array is compared as in P4, but the test for lower bound equals 1 is added.

#### 5.3.4.18 *function comptypes*

**comptypes** takes to structure pointers and returns true if they are compatible types. The method to check if the types are compatible changes completely with ISO 7185. The good news is that it actually becomes simpler. The reason is that the **P4** compiler used “structural equivalence”, meaning that these two types would be equal:

```
type a = record a: integer; b: char end;
      b = record a: integer; b: char end;
```

Because the two record types have the same structure. This is difficult to implement, and **P4** recursively descended through the tree that forms a type and successively compared each level. It also needed a system to prevent loops through the links that pointers represent. It was also a fairly ambiguous system, and things like:

```
type a = record a: integer; b: char end;  
      b = record a: 0..255; b: char end;
```

Were a problem. Are the types compatible? They might be physically different. It might depend on the packed status of the types.

In the ISO 7185 system, the above types must be identical or “named aliases” of each other. The system is easier to implement, less ambiguous, and very little added programmer effort is needed to use the system.

As a result, I find it easier to describe the way **comptypes** works from scratch, it is that different.

First, the result is set to be false, or no compare, by default. The first check is if the types are identical, that is, the two structure pointers passed in point to the same structure entry. Note that a named alias of a type has an identical structure pointer (see **typedecclaration**).

Second, we check if both pointers are not **nil**. Having a structure pointer be nil is how errors are recorded. Note that the undefined types returned by **searchid** are all given **nil** structure pointers in **enterundecl**. If either or both of the structure pointers are nil, the result is a type match. It does not mean they actually match, it means that further errors should be suppressed.

Third, we check if the form of both structures are identical. The form is the scalar, set, pointer, or other type of structure. If these are equal, we proceed to a case statement that handles each form of type. If not, we check one of the types being a subrange, then check if the base type for that subrange is compatible with the other type. This is because a subrange of a type is also compatible with that type. If both types are subranges, this also works.

Do scalars really all match? What about integer and character? Why does not scalar match these?

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## 6 Changes to the assembler/interpreter

[tbd]

## 7 The intermediate language

### 7.1 Format of intermediate

The intermediate has the format:

<main code>

<start code>

<further prd input>

The main section contains all of the generated code, except for a startup section:

```
mst      0
cup 0 1 3
stp
```

The main section is assembled past the startup code, then the assembly location is restarted and the startup section is assembled, placed under the main code.

After both the main code and start code sections, the contents of the prd file are not read. The interpreted code can keep reading from the prd file at this point. This means that input for the prd file as used by the interpreted program can be concatenated to the intermediate file. This feature is used for the self compile and run.

For each line in the intermediate, the first character indicates:

i	Indicates a comment, the rest of the line is discarded.
l	A label. Used to establish jump locations in the code.
q	Marks the end of the main code or startup code section.
(blank)	An intermediate instruction.
:	A source line marker.

#### Comments

A comment appears as:

i<any text>

Comments are used to generate any descriptive text in the intermediate. They are also used to output a marker every 10 intermediate instructions, of where the “logical program count” or index of instructions, is currently located in the intermediate with a marker of the form:

i        n

Where n is the logical program count.

### 7.1.1 Label

Label lines are of the format:

```
l      n[=  val]
```

The label number gives the logical label being defined. If “=” follows, the instruction address of the label appears, otherwise it is set to the current instruction being processed (the pc).

The logical label number is a value from 0 to n. The value can be anything, and it is used both to define parameters as well as addresses. When used in an instruction, the assembler is capable of processing forward references to labels not yet defined in the assembly.

### 7.1.2 Source line marker

A source line marker gives the line number currently being parsed in the compiler when the intermediate is generated. It is of the form:

```
:n
```

Where n is the source line number. This information can be used to show where errors occurred in the source.

## 7.2 Intermediate instruction set

What follows is a complete listing of all instructions, parameters, and numeric equivalences in the interpreter instruction set. The following instruction endings are common and indicate the type of the operation:

i	Integer (4 bytes)
r	Real (8 bytes)
s	Set (32 bytes)
b	Boolean (1 byte)
a	Address (4 bytes)
m	Memory (or memory block)
c	Character (1 byte)

Note that all boolean and character values are extended to 4 byte integers when loaded to the stack. Reals and sets are loaded as whole entities, 8 and 32 bytes respectively.

Note that there will often not be a type indicator if there is only one type operated on by the instruction.

The operation codes are from 0 to 255 or \$00 to \$ff, fitting in one unsigned byte. The format of the opcodes and operands is:

```
Op [p] [q [q1]]
```

The p parameter, if it exists, is always an unsigned byte. The q parameter, if it exists, is either one or 4 bytes long. If q1 exists, q is always 4 bytes long. q1 is always 4 bytes long. These will be referred to below as q8 and q32 (8 bit and 32 bits). The endian nature of 32 bit words will depend on the compiler used for P5.

Each instruction is listed first in the form it appears in the intermediate assembly form. The second is the format the opcode will take in interpreter store.

This list of instructions is in alphabetical order.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
abi	40	integer	integer
abr	41	real	real

Find absolute value of integer or real on top of stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
adi	28	integer integer	integer
adr	29	real real	real

Add the top two stack integer or real values and leave result on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
and	43	boolean boolean	boolean

Find logical 'and' of the top two Booleans on stack, and replace with result.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
chka low high	95 q32	address	address
chkb low high	98 q32	boolean	boolean
chkc low high	99 q32	char	char
chki low high	26 q32	integer	integer
chks low high	97 q32		

Bounds check. The q parameter contains the address of a pair of low and high bounds values, low followed by high, each one integer in size. The bounds pair is placed in the constant area during assembly, and the address placed into the instruction.

The value on top of the stack is verified to lie in the range low..high. If not, a runtime error results. The value is left on the stack.

If the instruction was chka, the low value will contain the code:

- 0      Pointer is not being dereferenced
- 1      Pointer is being dereferenced

Pointer values are considered valid if between 0..maxaddr, where maxaddr is the maximum address in the interpreter. If the dereference code is present, it indicates a check if the pointer is nil. This instruction is only applied to dynamic variable addresses, and thus other checks are possible.

Set values are checked to see if any elements outside the elements from low..high are set. If so, a runtime error results.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
chr	60	integer	character



Find character from integer. Finds the character value of an integer on stack top. At present, this is a no-op.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
cip p	113	mp address	

Call indirect procedure/function. The top of stack has the address of a mp/address pair pushed by lpa. The dl of the current mark is replaced by the mp, and the address replaces the current pc. The mp/ad address is removed from stack. The size of the parameters appears as p, which shows where to find the mark.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
cke	188	tagcst boolean	

Terminate active variant check, started by cks. Expects the “running boolean” value on stack top, followed by the current value of the tagfield. If the Boolean value is false, meaning that none of the constants matched the tagfield, a runtime error results.

Both the Boolean value and the tagfield value are removed from the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ckla low high	190	address	address

Bounds check. This instruction is identical to the instruction chka, but indicates a pointer to a tagged record. At present this requires no special action over the normal processing of chka.

ckla an chka check if the pointer is dereferencing an allocation that has been freed. In the current implementation this check works on both tag listed and normal dynamic variables. Because this is dependent on the way the allocator is structured, ckla exists in case tag list pointers need special handling.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
cks	187	tagval	tagval boolean

Start active variant check. The current value of the tag is on stack top. Pushes a false binary value onto the stack. This value is ‘or’ed with all of the following variant checks.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ckvb val	179 q32	tagval Boolean	tagval boolean
ckvc val	180 q32		
ckvi val	175 q32		

Checks a tagfield for active variants. The “running Boolean” is expected at stack top, followed by the current tagfield value. The tagfield is compared to the constant val and the Boolean equality ‘or’ed into the running Boolean. Both are left on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
csp rout	15 q8	Per call	Per call

Call system routine. The routine number rout indicates the routine to call, from 0 to 255 (or \$00 to \$ff). Note that the main difference between system and user procedures is that system calls have no framing information.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
cta off lvl	191 q32 q32	tagaddr newtagval	tagaddr newtagval

Check tag assignment for dynamically allocated record. Expects the value to assign to the tagfield on stack top, followed by the address of the tagfield as second on stack. Dynamic records containing tagfields are allocated by a special procedure that creates a tagfield constant list with the constants that were used to allocate the record with variants. The cta instruction looks at the list to see if the given tagfield appears in that list, indicating that the tagfield is fixed and cannot be changed. If such a list entry exists and does not match the tagfield assignment, a runtime error results. The instruction contains the offset from the start of the record to the tagfield, and at what nesting level the tagfield exists. If uses the tagfield offset to find the start of record and look for the list, and the nesting level to find the exact tag constant, if it exists. Leaves both values on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
cup p l addr	12 p8 q32		

Call user procedure. The instruction contains the number of bytes in the parameter section, and the address of the procedure to call. The mp or mark pointer is set to the location of the stack mark record established by the mst instruction, then the return address is placed into the mark record. The specified location is then jumped to.

The assembly code represents the address as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
decb cnt	103 q32	boolean	boolean
decc cnt	104 q32	character	character
deci cnt	57 q32	integer	integer

The unsigned cnt parameter is subtracted from the value at stack top.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
dif	45	set set	set

Find set difference, or s1-s2. The members of the set on stack top are removed from the set that is second on the stack, and the top set on stack is removed.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
dmp cnt	117 q32	value	

The unsigned cnt parameter is subtracted from the current stack pointer. The effect is to “dump” or remove the topmost cnt data from the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
dupa	182	address	address address
dupb	185	boolean	boolean boolean
dupc	186	character	character character
dupi	181	integer	integer integer
dupr	183	real	real real
dups	184	set	set set

Duplicate stack top. The top value on the stack is copied to a new stack top value according to type.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
dvi	53	integer integer	integer
dvr	54	real real	real

Divide. The value second on stack is divided by the value first on stack. The division is done in integer or real according to type.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ente l size	173q32		

Sets the maximum extent of stack use. The size constant in the instruction gives a compiler calculated size that is the maximum extent of stack that will be used by this routine. If that overlaps the bottom of the heap, then a runtime error results. The ep or extreme stack pointer is updated, and also stored in the stack mark record for use in the ipj instruction to jump between procedures.

The assembly code represents the size as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ents l size	13 q32		

Enter routine and allocate local variable space. The size field in the instruction contains the size of data for the routine being entered, including stack mark, parameters, and locals. The mp or mark pointer is offset by size, the area between the sp or stack pointer and the new allocation is cleared to zero and the sp set after that. The bottom of the stack field in the stack mark record is set from that, which allows the ipj instruction to find the proper setting of the stack for interprocedural jumps.

Checks if the resulting locals allocation would overrun the heap, and thus require more memory that is available. A runtime error results if not.

The assembly code represents the size as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
equa	17	address address	boolean
equb	139	boolean Boolean	boolean
equc	141	character character	boolean
equi	137	integer integer	boolean
equm size	142 q32	address address	boolean
equr	138	real real	boolean

equs                      140                      set set                      boolean

Find equal. The top of stack and second on stack values are compared, and a Boolean result of the comparison replaces them both. The compare is done according to type. Note that types a, b, c and i are treated equally since values are normalized to 32 bit integer on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
fjp addr	24 q32	boolean	

Jump false. Expects a Boolean value atop the stack. If the value is false, or zero, execution continues at the instruction constant addr. Removes the boolean from stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
flo	34	integer real	real real
flt	33	integer	real

Convert stack integer to floating point. flt converts the top of stack to floating point from integer. flo converts the second on stack to floating point, but it assumes that the top of stack is real as well.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
geqb	151	boolean boolean	boolean
geqc	153	character character	boolean
geqi	149	integer integer	boolean
geqm size	154 q32	address address	boolean
geqr	150	real real	boolean
geqs	152	set set	boolean

Find greater than or equal. The top of stack and second on stack values are compared for second on stack greater than or equal to the top of stack, and a Boolean result of the comparison replaces them both. The compare is done according to type. Note that types a, b, c and i are treated equally since values are normalized to 32 bit integer on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
grtb	157	boolean boolean	boolean
grtc	159	character character	boolean
grti	155	integer integer	boolean
grtm size	160 q32	address address	boolean
grtr	156	real real	boolean
grts	158	set set	boolean

Find greater than. The top of stack and second on stack values are compared for second on stack greater than the top of stack, and a Boolean result of the comparison replaces them both. The compare is done according to type. Note that types a, b, c and i are treated equally since values are normalized to 32 bit integer on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
inca cnt	90 q32	address	address
incb cnt	93 q32	boolean	boolean
incc cnt	94 q32	character	character
inci cnt	10 q32	integer	integer

Increment top of stack. The unsigned constant *cnt* is added to the value on stack top. Note that type *a* is not subject to arithmetic checks, but the other types are.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
inda off	85 q32	address	address
indb off	88 q32	address	boolean
indc off	89 q32	address	character
indi off	9 q32	address	integer
indr off	86 q32	address	real
inds off	87 q32	address	set

Load indirect to stack. Expects the address of an operand in memory on the stack top. The constant *off* is added to the address, then the operand fetched from memory and that replaces the address on stack top.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
inn	48	value set	boolean

Set inclusion. Expects a set on stack top, and the value of a set element below that. Tests for inclusion of the value in the set, then replaces both of them with the Boolean result of that test.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
int	46	set set	set

Set intersection. Finds the intersection of the two sets on the stack and replaces them both with the resulting set.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
inv	189	address2	

Invalidate address. Expects an address on stack, then flags that location as undefined if undefined checking is enabled. This instruction is used to return variables to the undefined state. Removes the address from stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ior	44	boolean boolean	boolean

Boolean inclusive 'or'. Expects to find two Boolean values on stack. Replaces them with the inclusive 'or' of the values.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ipj p l addr	112 p8 q32		

Interprocedure jump. The instruction contains the relative frame number *p*, and the address to jump to within the target procedure *addr*. The frames above the target procedure frame are discarded, and the target frame is loaded. Execution then proceeds at the given address *addr*.

The assembly code represents the address *addr* as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ivt off size	192 q32 q32	tagaddr newtagval	tagaddr newtagval

Invalidate tagged variant. Expects a new setting for a tagfield at stack top, and the address of the tagfield below that. If the tagfield was defined, and the new tag value is different than the old tag value, the variant area controlled by the tagfield is set as undefined. The off instruction field contains the offset from the tagfield to the base of the variant. The size instruction field contains the size of the variant. The offset is applied to the address of the tagfield, and the entire variant is set undefined. Note that the size of the variant is the maximum size of all possible variants.

The stack is unchanged during this operation.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ixa size	16 q32	address index	address

Scale array access. Expects an index value at stack top, and the address of an array below that. The size instruction field contains the size of the base element of the array. The index is multiplied by the size, then added to the address of the base of the array, then that element address replaces both the index and the base address on stack.

Note that this operation does not remove the array index offset, ie., array [1..10] does not have 1 removed here.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
lao off	5 q32		address

Load address with offset. Loads the address in the stack area with offset off. This instruction is used to index globals. The address is placed on stack top.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
lca len 'str'	56 q32		address

Load string address. P5 accepts any length of string between quotes, but stores the string as the given length. The string is padded as required with spaces. Accepts a "quote image" in the string. The string is placed in the constants area, and the instruction gets the address of that. Loads the string constant address off to the top of the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
lda p addr	4 p8 q32		address

Load local address. Expects the relative frame number of the target procedure in p, and the offset address of the local in addr. The frame is found and the address calculated as an offset from the locals there and placed on the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ldcs ( set )	7 q32		set

Load constant set. The address in the instruction gives the address of the set, which is loaded to stack top. This is used to load sets from the constant area. The set is specified as a series of values in the set between parenthesis. This set is loaded into the constant area on assembly, and the instruction contains the address of that.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ldcb bool	126 q8		boolean
ldcc char	127 q8		character
ldci int	123 q32		integer

Load constant. Loads a constant from within the instruction according to the type, Boolean, character or integer.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ldcn	125		nilcst

Load nil value. Loads the value of nil to the stack top.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ldcr real	124 q32		real

Load constant real. The address in the instruction gives the address of the real, which is loaded to stack top. The real given is loaded into the constants area on assembly, and the instruction contains the address of that.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ldoa off	65 q32		address
ldob off	68 q32		boolean
ldoc off	69 a32		character
ldoi off	1 q32		integer
ldor off	66 q32		real
ldos off	67 q32		set

Load from offset. Loads a global value from the globals area. The off constant gives the offset of the variable in the stack area. The value is loaded to the top of stack according to type.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
leqb	163	boolean boolean	boolean
leqc	165	character character	boolean
leqi	161	integer integer	boolean
leqm size	166 q32	address address	boolean
leqr	162	real real	boolean
leqs	164	set set	boolean

Find less than or equal. The top of stack and second on stack values are compared for second on stack less than or equal to the top of stack, and a Boolean result of the comparison replaces them both. The compare is done according to type. Note that types a, b, c and i are treated equally since values are normalized to 32 bit integer on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
lesb	169	boolean boolean	boolean
lesc	171	character character	boolean
lesi	167	integer integer	boolean
lesm size	172 q32	address address	boolean
lesr	168	real real	boolean

less                      170                      set set                      boolean

Find less than. The top of stack and second on stack values are compared for second on stack less than the top of stack, and a Boolean result of the comparison replaces them both. The compare is done according to type. Note that types a, b, c and i are treated equally since values are normalized to 32 bit integer on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
lip p addr	120 p8 q32		mp pfaddr

load procedure function address. Expects the relative mark count p, and the address of an existing mark/function address pair in the instruction. Loads a mark/address pair for a procedure or function parameter onto the stack from a previously calculated pair in memory. Used to pass a procedure or function parameter that was passed to the current function to another procedure or function. See the cip instruction for further information.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
loda p off	105		Address
lodb p off	108		boolean
lodc p off	109		character
lodi p off	0		integer
lodr p off	106		real
lods p off	107		set

Load local value. Expects the display offset p and the offset address in the local procedure frame off in the instruction. The value is loaded according to type.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
lpa p l addr	114 p8 q32		mp pfaddr

Load procedure address. The current mark pointer is loaded onto the stack, followed by the target procedure or function address. This puts enough information on the stack to call it with the callers environment.

The assembly code represents the address addr as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
mod	49	integer integer	integer

Find modulo. Finds the modulo of the second on stack by the top of stack. The result replaces both operands. This is always an integer operator.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
mov size	55	destaddr srcaddr	

Move bytes. The instruction contains the number of bytes to move. The top of stack contains the source address, and the second on stack contains the destination address. The specified number of bytes are moved. Both addresses are removed from the stack.



Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
mpi	51	integer integer	integer
mpr	52	real real	real

Multiply. The first and second on stack are multiplied together, and the result replaces them both.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
mrkl line	174		

Mark source line. This instruction exists only within the interpreter, and is not specified in the intermediate. The instruction parameter line contains the number of the source line that was read in at this point in the intermediate generation. The interpreter can use this to provide various source level debug services.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
mst p	11 p8		

Mark stack. This instruction is used before parameters are loaded in expectation of a user procedure call. The p parameter in the instruction contains the level of the calling procedure minus the level of the called procedure and is used to establish the static links in the mark. A stack mark record is placed onto the stack and the sl or static link is placed, the dl or dynamic link, and the ep or extended stack pointer.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
neqa	18	address address	boolean
neqb	145	boolean Boolean	boolean
neqc	147	character character	boolean
neqi	143	integer integer	boolean
neqm size	148	address address	boolean
neqr	144	real real	boolean
neqs	146	set set	boolean

Find not equal. The top of stack and second on stack values are compared for second on stack not equal to the top of stack, and a Boolean result of the comparison replaces them both. The compare is done according to type. Note that types a, b, c and i are treated equally since values are normalized to 32 bit integer on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ngi	36	integer	integer
ngr	37	real	real

Negate. The operand atop the stack is negated according to type.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
not	42	boolean	boolean

Logical 'not'. The Boolean value atop the stack is inverted.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
odd	50	integer	boolean

Find odd/even. The lowest bit of the integer on stack is masked to find the even/odd status of the integer as a Boolean value.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ordb	134	boolean	integer
ordc	136	character	integer
ordi	59	integer	integer

Find ordinal value of Boolean, character or integer. This is a no-op, because P5 always converts values to 32 bit integers on load to stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
pck sizep sizeu	63 q32 q32	uparr inx parr	

Convert unpacked array to packed array. Because P5 does not support packing, this is effectively a copy operation. The instruction contains the size of the packed array sizep and the size of the unpacked array sizeu. The stack contains the address of the packed array at top, the starting index of the unpacked array under that, and the unpacked array address as third on stack. The number of elements in the packed array are moved from the unpacked array at the starting index to the packed array. All parameters are removed from the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
reta	132		address
retb	131		boolean
retc	130		character
reti	128		integer
retp	14		
retr	129		real

Return from procedure or function with result. Returns from the current procedure or function. The pc, sp, ep and mp pointers are restored from the saved data in the active stack mark record. For retp or return from procedure, this is all that is done. For the others, a return value is processed according to type. The value of the result is loaded from its place in the stack mark record, and expanded to 32 bits if Boolean or character.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
rgs	110	low high	set

Build range set on stack. Expects a high value on stack top, and a low value below that. A set is constructed that has all of the members from the low value to the high value in it, then that set is placed as stack top.

The range builder instruction, along with sgs or build singleton set, is used to construct complex sets by creating sets of each individual ranges of values, then adding the resulting sets together on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
rnd	62	real	integer

Round real value to integer. Converts the real on top of the stack to integer by rounding.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
sbi	30	integer integer	integer
sbr	31	real real	real

Subtract. Subtracts the top of stack value from the second on stack value according to type.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
sgs	32	integer	set

Construct singleton set. Expects a value on stack. Constructs a set with that value as the single member, then that set replaces the value on stack.

The singleton set instruction, along with rgs or range set builder, is used to construct complex sets by creating sets with individual ranges of values, then adding the resulting sets together on stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
sqi	38	integer	integer
sqr	39	real	real

Find square of value. Expects a value on stack top, and finds the square of that value according to type. This replaces the value on stack top.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
sroa off	75	address	
srob off	78	boolean	
sroc off	79	character	
sroi off	3	integer	
srer off	76	real	
sros off	77	set	

Store global value. The instruction contains the offset of a variable in the stack bottom, where the globals for the program exist. The variable is stored from the stack according to type, and the value removed from the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
stoa	80	address address	
stob	83	address boolean	
stoc	84	address character	
stoi	6	address integer	
stor	81	address real	
stos	82	address set	

Store value to address. Expects a value according to instruction type atop the stack, and an address below that. The value is stored to the address, and both are removed from the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
stp	58		

Stop. Executing this instruction causes the interpreter to exit.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
stra p off	70	address	
strb p off	73	boolean	
strc p off	74	character	
stri p off	2	integer	
strr p off	71	real	
strs p off	72	set	

Store local. Instruction parameter p contains the relative count of the procedure frame to access. Instruction parameter off contains the offset address within the frame. The value at stack top is stored to the local variable according to type, and the value removed from the stack.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
swp size	118	value address	address value

Swap first and second stack operands. The instruction contains the size of the second value on stack. The top value is assumed to be 32 bit. The top and second values are swapped. This instruction is used primarily to chain writes together to the same file access pointer.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
tjp l addr	119	boolean	

Jump true. Expects a Boolean value on stack top. If the Boolean is true, the jump is taken to address addr. The Boolean is removed from the stack.

The assembly code represents the address addr as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
trc	35	real	integer

Truncate to integer. The real on stack top is converted to integer by truncating the fractional part. The integer replaces the real on stack top.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ujc	61 q32		

Output case error. This instruction is used in case statement tables to output case value errors. See xjp for the case table format. It is designed to be the same length as ujp, which is used to build the case table. The 32 bit address in the struction is a dummy, and contains zero. Always outputs a bad case select error. Inserted into the table where the value for the case would be invalid.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
ujp l addr	23		

Unconditional jump. The instruction contained address addr is jumped to.

The assembly code represents the address addr as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
uni	47	set set	set

Find set union. Expects two sets on stack. The union of the sets is found, and that replaces them both.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
upk sizep sizeu	64 q32 q32	packarr upackarr sindex	

Unpack a packed array. P5 does not implement packing, so this instruction is implemented as a copy operation. Expects the size of the packed array sizep and the size of the unpacked array sizeu in the instruction. The stack contains the starting index of the unpacked array at top, followed by the address of the unpacked array, and the address of the packed array as third on stack. The entire contents of the packed array are transferred into the unpacked array, which can be larger than the packed array.

Instruction	Opcode	Stack in	Stack out
xjp l addr	25 q32	index	

Table jump. Expects an address of a jump table within the instruction, and a jump table index on the stack. The jump table consists of a series of jump instructions using the ujp instruction. The index is multiplied by the length of the ujp instruction, which is 5 bytes long, and the pc set to that address. The effect is to jump via a table of entries from 0 to n. The index is removed from stack.

This instruction is used to implement the case statement.

The assembly code represents the address addr as a forward referenced label. This is defined later in a label statement and back referenced by the assembler.

### 7.3 System calls

The p5 interpreter partitions the execution work done in the stack machine into directly executed instructions and system calls. The system call instructions consist of I/O related calls and dynamic storage allocation. These are normally things that are handled by the runtime support system.

The difference between a function executed in an instruction and a function executed in a system call is minimal. A system call uses parameters stacked onto the interpreter operand stack in reverse just as the intermediate does.

The difference between a function executed in a user based procedure or function and a function executed in a system call is that the system call requires no framing or locals.

System calls are executed by number via the csp instruction.

The following system call descriptions show the intermediate mnemonic of the call, the instruction number used as a parameter to the csp instruction, and the operands as they exist on the stack before the call. The stack operands are listed deepest first at left, to the topmost operand at the right. This is the logical call order of the routine parameters.

Each system call can be a procedure or a function. If it is a function, it leaves its result on the stack.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
atn	19	real	real

Find arctangent. Expects a real on stack. Finds the arctangent, and that replaces the stack top.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
cos	15	real	real

Find cosine. Expects a real on stack. Finds the cosine, and that replaces the stack top.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
dsl	40	addr tagcst.. tagcnt size	

Dispose of dynamic tagged record. This is a special form of dispose for a dynamically allocated record with tagged variants. The top of the stack contains the size of the record, after any fixed tag constants specified are taken into account. Below that, the number of tagfield constants that were specified exists. Below that, a list of all the constants that were used to specify the allocation. This list is from leftmost in sourcecode order and deepest in the stack to rightmost in source and topmost in stack. Following that, the address of the dynamic record.

The allocation of the record, done by the system call nwl, contains a matching list of tagfield constants allocated “behind” the allocated pointer, with the number of tag constants last in the list so that it can be found just below the pointer. These lists represent the tagfield list used to allocate the record, in the dynamic itself, and the tagfield list used to dispose of it, on stack. These lists are compared for both number and value, and a runtime error results if not equal. The total allocation, record plus taglist, is then disposed of.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
dsp	26	addr size	

Dispose of dynamic variable. The top of stack contains the variable size, and the address under that is the address of the dynamic record. The variable is deallocated. Both operands are removed from stack.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
efb	42	fileaddr	boolean

Find eof of binary file. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. The file is tested for eof() true, and the Boolean result replaces the address on stack.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
eln	7	fileaddr	boolean

Test for eoln of text file. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. The file is tested for eoln() true, and the Boolean result replaces the address on stack.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
eof	41	fileaddr	boolean

Find eof of text file. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. The file is tested for eof() true, and the Boolean result replaces the address on stack.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
exp	16	real	real

Find exponential. Expects a real on stack. Finds the exponential, and that replaces the stack top.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
fbv	43	fileaddr	fileaddr

File buffer validate text. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. Ensures the file buffer variable is loaded. If the file is a read file, or the file is in read mode, the file buffer variable is loaded by reading the file. The file address pointer is left on stack. This call is used to insure the file buffer contains data from the file, if it exists, when the file buffer variable is referenced. It is part of the “lazy I/O” file scheme.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
fvb	44	fileaddr size	fileaddr

File buffer validate binary. Expects the base element size of the file on stack, followed by the address of a file variable on stack. Ensures the file buffer variable is loaded. If the file is a read file, or the file is in read mode, the file buffer variable is loaded by reading the file. The element length tells the call how many bytes to read. The file address pointer is left on stack, but the size is purged. This call is used to insure the file buffer contains data from the file, if it exists, when the file buffer variable is referenced. It is part of the “lazy I/O” file scheme.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
gbf	35	fileaddr size	

Get file buffer binary. Expects the base element size of the file on stack, followed by the address of a file variable on stack. If the file buffer variable is indicated as full, then it is marked empty, thus discarding the data there. If it is full, new data is read over the file buffer variable. Both the file address pointer and the size are discarded from stack. This operation is part of the “lazy I/O scheme”.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
get	0	fileaddr	

Get file buffer text. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. Reads the next element of the file into the file variable buffer. The file pointer is discarded.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
log	17	real	real

Find logarithm. Expects a real on stack. Finds the logarithm, and that replaces the stack top.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
new	4	addr size	

Allocate dynamic variable. Expects the size of variable in bytes to allocate on stack top, followed by the address of the pointer variable. Space with the given size is allocated, and the address placed into the pointer variable. Both operands are removed from stack.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
nwl	39	addr tagcst.. tagcnt size	

Allocate dynamic tagged record. This is a special form of new() for a dynamically allocated record with tagged variants. The top of the stack contains the size of the record, after any fixed tag constants specified are taken into account. Below that, the number of tagfield constants that were specified exists.

Below that, a list of all the constants that were used to specify the allocation. This list is from leftmost in sourcecode order and deepest in the stack to rightmost in source and topmost in stack. Following that, the address of the pointer variable.

The space required for the tagfield constant list and length is added to the total space required, and that space is allocated. The tagfield constant list, with the following length, is copied to the start of the allocated space, and the pointer variable is set just after that. Thus the tagfield constant list exists “behind” the pointer or in “negative space”, so that it can be found and referenced for various purposes. These are:

1. To check that the tagfield constant list is equal between new() and dispose() operations.
2. To check if a tagfield used to set the total space allocated for the variable is assigned with a different value than originally used in the new() call.

The size, tagfield list and length, and the address of the pointer variable are discarded.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
pag	21	fileaddr	

Page text file. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. A page request is sent to the file, and the file address is discarded.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
pbf	36	fileaddr size	

Put file buffer binary. Expects the base element size of the file on stack, followed by the address of a file variable on stack. If the file buffer variable is empty, a runtime error results. Otherwise, the contents of the file buffer variable are written out to the file. The size and file address are discarded.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
put	1	fileaddr	

Get file buffer text. Expects the address of a file variable on stack. If the file buffer is empty, a runtime error results. Otherwise, writes the contents of the file buffer variable to the file. The file address is discarded.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rbf	32	fileaddr varaddr len	fileaddr

Read binary file. Expects a file variable address on stack, the address to place read data above that, and the length of the base file element on stack top. If the buffer for the file is has data, then the data is read from that, otherwise the data is read from the file. The number of bytes in the element length are read.

Purges the target variable address and the element length from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rcb	38	fileaddr vaddr min max	fileaddr

Read character from text file with range check. Expects the file variable address on stack, the variable address to read to above that, then the minimum value min and the maximum value max at stack top.



Reads a single character from the file, verifies that it lies in the specified range, and places it to the variable. If the character value lies out of range, a runtime error results.

Purges the target variable address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rdc	13	fileaddr varaddr	fileaddr

Read character from text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and the variable address to read to above that. Reads a single character from the file to the variable.

Purges the target variable address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rdi	11	fileaddr varaddr	fileaddr

Read integer from text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and the variable address to read to above that. Reads a single integer from the file to the variable.

Purges the target variable address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rdr	12	fileaddr varaddr	fileaddr

Read real from text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and the variable address to read to above that. Reads a single real from the file to the variable.

Purges the target variable address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rib	37	fileaddr vaddr min max	fileaddr

Read an integer from text file with range check. Expects the file variable address on stack, the variable address to read to above that, then the minimum value min and the maximum value max at stack top. Reads a single integer from the file, verifies that it lies in the specified range, and places it to the variable. If the character value lies out of range, a runtime error results.

Purges the target variable address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rln	3	fileaddr	fileaddr

Read next line from text file. Expects the file variable address on stack. The text file is read until an `eoln()` or `eof()` is encountered.

Leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rsb	33	fileaddr	

Reset file binary. Expects the file variable address on stack. The binary file is reset(). The file variable address is purged.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rsf	22	fileaddr	

Reset file text. Expects the file variable address on stack. The text file is reset(). The file variable address is purged.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rwb	34	fileaddr	

Rewrite file binary. Expects the file variable address on stack. The binary file is rewritten. The file variable address is purged.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
rwf	23	fileaddr	

Rewrite file text. Expects the file variable address on stack. The text file is rewritten. The file variable address is purged.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
sin	14	real	real

Find sine. Expects a real on stack. Finds the sine, and that replaces the stack top.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
sqt	18	real	real

Find square root. Expects a real on stack. Finds the square root, and that replaces the stack top.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wbb	31	fileaddr boolean	fileaddr

Write Boolean to binary file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and the Boolean to write to above that. Writes a single boolean to the file from the variable.

Purges the boolean from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wbc	30	fileaddr char	fileaddr

Write character to binary file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and the Boolean to write to above that. Writes a single character to the file from the variable.

Purges the character from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wbf	27	fileaddr varaddr size	fileaddr

Write binary variable to binary file. Expects the file variable address on stack, the address of the variable to write above that, and the size in bytes of the variable at stack top. Writes all the bytes of the variable to the file single boolean to the file from the variable.

Purges the size and the variable address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wbi	28	fileaddr integer	fileaddr

Write integer to binary file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and an integer to write to above that. Writes a single integer to the file from the variable.

Purges the integer from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wbr	29	fileaddr real	fileaddr

Write a real to binary file. Expects the file variable address on stack, and a real to write to above that. Writes a single real to the file from the variable.

Purges the real from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wln	5	fileaddr	fileaddr

Write next line to text file. Expects the file variable address on stack. A new line is written to the text file.

Leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single reads can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wrb	24	fileaddr boolean width	fileaddr

Write boolean to text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, a boolean to write to above that., and a field width at stack top. Writes the Boolean in the given width.

Purges the width and the boolean from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wrc	10	fileaddr char width	fileaddr

Write character to text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, a character to write to above that., and a field width at stack top. Writes the character in the given width.

Purges the width and the character from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wrf	25	fileaddr real width frac	fileaddr

Write real to text file in fixed point notation. Expects the file variable address on stack, a real to write to above that., a field width above that, and a fraction at stack top. Writes the real in the given width.

Purges the fraction, width and the real from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wri	8	fileaddr integer width	fileaddr

Write integer to text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, a integer to write to above that., and a field width at stack top. Writes the integer in the given width.

Purges the width and the integer from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wrr	9	fileaddr real width	fileaddr

Write real to text file in floating point notation. Expects the file variable address on stack, a real to write to above that., and a field width at stack top. Writes the real in the given width.

Purges the width and the real from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

System Call	Number	Stack in	Stack out
wrs	6	fileaddr saddr width len	fileaddr

Write string to text file. Expects the file variable address on stack, the address of the string to write to above that., the field width above that, and the length of the string at stack top. Writes the string in the given width.

Purges the length, width and the string address from the stack, but leaves the file variable address. This is because a group of single writes can use the same file reference, so it is left on stack until specifically removed.

## 8 Testing P5

In the original implementation of Pascal and the Pascal-P porting kit, the implementation of tests on the system were largely undefined. Today, most programmers realize that any program exists as a collection of the code, documentation, and finally the tests for the program to prove it correct. If any one of these elements is missing, much as a three legged stool, the program will fall over. In reality, an “undocumented” program that is popular gets documented by its users or by third parties, such as independent book writers. Tests can be carried out ad-hoc, or essentially fall to the users (their happiness with this situation being quite another matter!).

Thus, as important to P5 as its code or documents are its tests. This was widely recognized with original Pascal, and an extensive series of tests were created with the advent of the ISO 7185 standard, as documented in “Pascal compiler validation” [Brian Wichmann & Z. J. Chechanowicz]. This was an excellent series of tests that showed close relationship to the standard. Unfortunately, like the “model compiler”, the rights to this test series, which was initially openly distributed, were closely held, and the project is essentially dead today.

Accordingly, I have created a new series of tests for P5, and now that is distributed with P5 itself, and continues to be improved. The PAT or Pascal Acceptance Test is completely automated. Further, because the original ISO 7185 validation tests were distributed in the “Pascal User’s Group” free of restrictions, I have used them to check on the completeness of the PAT. Thus, even if the original ISO 7185 validation tests cannot legally be distributed, the PAT is tracable back to these tests and is a reliable substitute for them.

## 8.1 Running tests

### 8.1.1 testprog

The main test script for testing is:

```
testprog <Pascal source file>
```

```
testprog.bat <Pascal source file>
```

testprog is a “one stop” test resource for most programs. It expects the following files to exist under the given primary filename:

program.pas     The Pascal source file.

program.inp     The input file for the running program.

program.cmp     The reference file for the expected output.

testprog compiles and runs the target program, and checks its output against the reference file. Several files are produced during the process:

program.p5       Contains the intermediate code for the program as compiled by pcom.

Program.err       Contains the output from pcom. This includes the status line indicating the number of errors. It also typically contains a listing of the program as compiled, which contains line numbers and other information. Note that if the pcom compile run produces errors, testprog will stop.

Program.lst       Contains the output from the program when run. This is all output to the standard “output” file.

Program.out       This is all of the output to the “pr” special file. This is only used by P5 for special purposes, such as to output the intermediate code, and most programs will be empty.

Program.dif       This is the output of the diff command between program.lst and program.cmp. It should be empty if the program produced the output expected.

Not all of the files for testprog need to have contents. For example, a program that does not do input does not need to have a program.inp file. An example of this would be the “hello” program. However, testprog expects all of the files to exist.

To determine if the test ran correctly, the output of first the program.err file should be checked for zero errors, then the resulting program.dif file is checked for zero length. All of these results are announced during the test:

```
C:\projects\PASCAL\p5_ext>testprog sample_programs\roman
Compile and run sample_programs\roman
Compile fails, examine the sample_programs\roman.err file
```

For a program that has a compile error.

```
C:\projects\PASCAL\p5_ext>testprog sample_programs\roman
Compile and run sample_programs\roman
03/18/2012 10:44 AM 76 roman.dif
```

For a program that does not match it's expected output.

If a large series of test programs are compiled and run with testprog, it may be more efficient to examine the output files to determine the result, first the program.err file, then the program.dif file. The rejection test is a good example of such a large series of files.

### 8.1.2 Other tests

Not all test programs work well with the testprog script. Examples are “pascals”, and the self compile. For these programs a special test script is provided.

### 8.1.3 Regression test

All of the “positive” tests are wrapped up in a single script, “regress.bat”. This script runs all of the positive tests in order of successive complexity. Whenever a change is made to P5, the regression test is run to verify that the resulting compiler is still valid.

## 8.2 Test types

The Pascal-P5 tests are divided into two major categories, referred here as “positive” and “negative” tests. The positive tests are designed to test what the compiler should accept as a valid program. The negative tests are designed to test what the compiler should reject as invalid programs.

Thus, they are termed here as the “Pascal Acceptance” test, and the “Pascal rejection test”. The two test types are fundamentally different. For example, all of the acceptance tests can appear in a single program, since the entire program should compile and run as a valid program. However, the Pascal rejection test cannot practically be represented as a single program because it would (or should) consist of a repeated series of errors. The compiler could conceivably recover from the each error sufficiently to encounter and properly flag the next error, but this would not be reliable, and would vary from compiler to compiler. Further, such a test would test error recovery as well as simple error detection, which are two separate issues, and should be covered by two separate tests.

### 8.3 The Pascal acceptance test

The Pascal acceptance test consists of program constructs that are correct for ISO 7185 Pascal. It should both compile and run under a ISO 7185 Pascal compatible compiler. The acceptance test is present in a single source file:

iso7185pat.pas

## 8.4 The Pascal rejection test

The Pascal rejection test is arranged as a series of short tests because each test is designed to fail. Thus, ideally only one failure point at a time is executed.

The test script, runprt, is designed so that each result is checked for if an error occurred or not, with the lack of an error being a fail. However, there are at least two characteristics of a test result that go to quality, and thus imply that the result should be hand checked at least once:

1. The indicated error may or may not be appropriate for the error that was caused (for example, indicating a missing ':' when the problem was a missing ';').
2. The error may generate many collateral errors, or even refuse to compile the remainder of the program. This includes generating recycle balance errors.

The error signature of the compile can be compared to the previous runs, but a miscompare does not automatically fail the compiler, since error handling may have changed. The typical stragey is to run a new compiler version through the PRT test, and hand-examine only the error differences. If the changes in the compiler are minor, a compare go/no go will serve as a regression test.

Here are descriptions of each of the tests.

Class 1: Syntax graph visitation. These tests are for various points on the syntax graph, typically addition or elidation of a critical symbol. These tests are not meant to be exhaustive, since there are an infinite number of possible syntax constructions. Rather, it is designed to be representative.

The syntax visitation is according to the Pascal Users's manual and Report" 4th edition, Appendix D, Syntax diagrams. The tests run in reverse, starting with "program", and working backwards. Thus, the syntax checks are performed top to bottom.

Class 2: Semantic tests. These tests are for the meaning of the program. Examples include using an undefined variable, using a type in the incorrect context, executing a case statement where there is no case matching the selector, etc.

Note that the tests are not designed to be a complete set of failure modes for the compiler, nor is that possible, since the set of possible failure modes is infinite. Instead, this test is designed to be representative", or contain a series of known failure modes that test the quality of error checking and recovery in the compiler.

Note that the semantic errors are the same as those enumerated in the ISO 7185 standard in Appendix D, offset in number by the section 1700. Not all errors in this section have equivalent test cases. It is possible for an error defined by the standard to be without expression as a program. The description of the error is as was written in the ISO 7185 standard.

The ISO 7158 listed errors are a mix of compile time and runtime errors. On some errors, either mode is possible, on others, not. For these cases, we have tried to break the test program into two sections, one that could fail at compile time, and others that do not. These are labeled with an appended A, B, C, etc.

There can be other reasons to divide a test case into two programs.

With semantic errors, there is always the posibility that the code could be changed by an aggressive compiler to eliminate or nulify the test case. There is no requirement in ISO 7185 that the compiler render into code a statement that clearly has no effect in the final program, just to achieve an error

result. Its really not possible to defeat this kind of optimization entirely. Printing to output is one possibility, but even then there is nothing to prevent the compiler from assuming it knows what the output will be and changing it. This is perhaps a subject for further research.

### 8.4.1 List of tests

#### 8.4.1.1 Class 1: Syntatic errors

##### Program

iso7185prt0001	Missing semicolon after program statement
iso7185prt0002	missing "program" word-symbol
iso7185prt0003	missing program name word-symbol
iso7185prt0004	Moved
iso7185prt0005	Moved
iso7185prt0006	missing period
iso7185prt0007	Extra semicolon
iso7185prt0008	Missing header parameters
iso7185prt0009	Opening paren for program header only
iso7185prt0010	Closing paren for program header only
iso7185prt0011	Improperly terminated header list
iso7185prt0012	Consecutive semicolons

##### Block

iso7185prt0013	Missing number for label
iso7185prt0014	Missing semicolon after label
iso7185prt0015	Non-numeric label
iso7185prt0016	Unterminated label list
iso7185prt0017	Unstarted label list
iso7185prt0018	Missing constant
iso7185prt0019	Missing constant right side
iso7185prt0020	Missing "=" in const
iso7185prt0021	Incomplete second in const
iso7185prt0022	Missing ident in const
iso7185prt0023	Missing semicolon in const
iso7185prt0024	Reverse order between label and const
iso7185prt0025	Missing type
iso7185prt0026	Missing type right side
iso7185prt0027	Missing "=" in type
iso7185prt0028	Missing ident in type
iso7185prt0029	Incomplete second in type
iso7185prt0030	Missing semicolon in type
iso7185prt0031	Reverse order between const and type
iso7185prt0032	Missing var
iso7185prt0033	Missing var right side
iso7185prt0034	Missing var ident list prime
iso7185prt0035	Missing var ident list follow
iso7185prt0036	Missing ":" in var
iso7185prt0037	Missing ident list in var
iso7185prt0038	Incomplete second in var
iso7185prt0039	Missing semicolon in var
iso7185prt0040	Reverse order between type and var



iso7185prt0041	Missing "procedure" or "function"
iso7185prt0042	Missing ident
iso7185prt0043	Missing semicolon
iso7185prt0044	Consecutive semicolons start
iso7185prt0045	Missing block
iso7185prt0046	Missing final semicolon
iso7185prt0047	Misspelled directive
iso7185prt0048	Bad directive
iso7185prt0049	Misspelled procedure
iso7185prt0050	Misspelled function
iso7185prt0051	Bad procedure/function
iso7185prt0052	Missing ":" on return type for function
iso7185prt0053	Missing type id on return type for function
iso7185prt0054	Reverse order between var and procedure
iso7185prt0055	Reverse order between var and function
iso7185prt0056	missing begin word-symbol
iso7185prt0057	missing end word-symbol

### Statement

iso7185prt0100	Missing label ident
iso7185prt0101	Missing label ":"
iso7185prt0102	Missing assignment left side
iso7185prt0103	Missing assignment "!="
iso7185prt0104	Missing procedure identifier
iso7185prt0105	Missing "begin" on statement block
iso7185prt0106	Misspelled "begin" on statement block
iso7185prt0107	Missing "end" on statement block
iso7185prt0108	Misspelled "end" on statement block
iso7185prt0109	Missing "if" on conditional
iso7185prt0110	Misspelled "if" on conditional
iso7185prt0111	Missing expression on conditional
iso7185prt0112	Missing "then" on conditional
iso7185prt0113	Misspelled "then" on conditional
iso7185prt0114	Misspelled "else" on conditional
iso7185prt0115	Missing "case" on case statement
iso7185prt0116	Misspelled "case" on case statement
iso7185prt0117	Missing expression on case statement
iso7185prt0118	Missing "of" on case statement
iso7185prt0119	Misspelled "of" on case statement
iso7185prt0120	Missing constant on case statement list
iso7185prt0121	Missing 2nd constant on case statement list
iso7185prt0122	Missing ":" before statement on case statement
iso7185prt0123	Missing ";" between statements on case statement
iso7185prt0124	Missing "end" on case statement
iso7185prt0125	Misspelled "end" on case statement
iso7185prt0126	Missing "while" on while statement
iso7185prt0127	Misspelled "while" on while statement
iso7185prt0128	Missing expression on while statement
iso7185prt0129	Missing "do" on while statement
iso7185prt0130	Missing "repeat" on repeat statement

iso7185prt0131	Misspelled "repeat" on repeat statement
iso7185prt0132	Missing "until" on repeat statement
iso7185prt0133	Misspelled "until" on repeat statement
iso7185prt0134	Missing expression on repeat statement
iso7185prt0135	Missing "for" on for statement
iso7185prt0136	Misspelled "for" on for statement
iso7185prt0137	Missing variable ident on for statement
iso7185prt0138	Misspelled variable ident on for statement
iso7185prt0139	Missing ":@" on for statement
iso7185prt0140	Missing start expression on for statement
iso7185prt0141	Missing "to"/"downto" on for statement
iso7185prt0142	Misspelled "to" on for statement
iso7185prt0143	Misspelled "downto" on for statement
iso7185prt0144	Missing end expression on for statement
iso7185prt0145	Missing "do" on for statement
iso7185prt0146	Misspelled "do" on for statement
iso7185prt0147	Missing "with" on with statement
iso7185prt0148	Misspelled "with" on with statement
iso7185prt0149	Missing first variable in with statement list
iso7185prt0150	Missing second variable in with statement list
iso7185prt0151	Missing "goto" in goto statement
iso7185prt0152	Misspelled "goto" in goto statement
iso7185prt0153	Missing unsigned integer in goto statement
iso7185prt0154	Missing 1st constant on case statement list
iso7185prt0155	Missing only variable in with statement list
iso7185prt0156	Missing ',' between case constants
iso7185prt0157	Missing ',' between variables in with statement

#### Field list

iso7185prt0200	Missing field ident
iso7185prt0201	Missing first field ident
iso7185prt0202	Missing second field ident
iso7185prt0203	Missing ':' between ident and type
iso7185prt0204	Missing type
iso7185prt0205	Missing ';' between successive fields
iso7185prt0206	Misspelled 'case' to variant
iso7185prt0207	Missing identifier for variant
iso7185prt0208	Missing type identifier with field identifier
iso7185prt0209	Missing type identifier without field identifier
iso7185prt0210	Missing 'of' on variant
iso7185prt0211	Misspelled 'of' on variant
iso7185prt0212	Missing case constant on variant
iso7185prt0213	Missing first constant on variant
iso7185prt0214	Missing second constant on variant
iso7185prt0215	Missing ':' on variant case
iso7185prt0216	Missing '(' on field list for variant
iso7185prt0217	Missing ')' on field list for variant
iso7185prt0218	Missing ';' between successive variant cases
iso7185prt0219	Attempt to define multiple variant sections
iso7185prt0220	Standard field specification in variant

iso7185prt0221 Missing ',' between first and second field idents  
 iso7185prt0222 Missing ',' between first and second field idents in variant

#### Procedure or Function Heading

iso7185prt0300 Missing 'procedure'  
 iso7185prt0301 Misspelled 'procedure'  
 iso7185prt0302 Missing procedure identifier  
 iso7185prt0303 Missing 'function'  
 iso7185prt0304 Misspelled 'function'  
 iso7185prt0305 Missing function identifier  
 iso7185prt0306 Missing type ident after ':' for function

#### Ordinal Type

iso7185prt0400 Missing '(' on enumeration  
 iso7185prt0401 Missing identifier on enumeration  
 iso7185prt0402 Missing 1st identifier on enumeration  
 iso7185prt0403 Missing 2nd identifier on enumeration  
 iso7185prt0404 Missing ')' on enumeration  
 iso7185prt0405 Missing 1st constant on subrange  
 iso7185prt0406 Missing '..' on subrange  
 iso7185prt0407 Missing 2nd constant on subrange  
 iso7185prt0408 Missing ',' between identifiers on enumeration

#### Type

iso7185prt0500 Missing type identifier after '^'  
 iso7185prt0501 Misspelled 'packed'  
 iso7185prt0502 Missing 'array'  
 iso7185prt0503 Missing '[' on array  
 iso7185prt0504 Missing index in array  
 iso7185prt0505 Missing first index in array  
 iso7185prt0506 Missing second index in array  
 iso7185prt0507 Missing ']' on array  
 iso7185prt0508 Missing index specification in array  
 iso7185prt0509 Missing 'of' on array  
 iso7185prt0510 Misspelled 'of' on array  
 iso7185prt0511 Missing type on array  
 iso7185prt0512 Missing 'file' or 'set' on file or set type  
 iso7185prt0513 Misspelled 'file' on file type  
 iso7185prt0514 Missing 'of' on file type  
 iso7185prt0515 Missing type on file type  
 iso7185prt0516 Misspelled 'set' on set type  
 iso7185prt0517 Missing 'of' on set type  
 iso7185prt0518 Missing type on set type  
 iso7185prt0519 Missing 'record' on field list  
 iso7185prt0520 Misspelled 'record' on field list  
 iso7185prt0521 Missing 'end' on field list  
 iso7185prt0522 Misspelled 'end' on field list

#### Formal Parameter List

iso7185prt0600	Missing parameter identifier
iso7185prt0601	Missing first parameter identifier
iso7185prt0602	Missing second parameter identifier
iso7185prt0603	Missing ',' between parameter identifiers
iso7185prt0604	Missing ':' on parameter specification
iso7185prt0605	Missing type identifier on parameter specification
iso7185prt0606	Missing parameter specification after 'var'
iso7185prt0607	Misspelled 'var'
iso7185prt0608	Missing ';' between parameter specifications

### Expression

iso7185prt0700	Missing operator
iso7185prt0701	Missing first operand to '='
iso7185prt0702	Missing second operand to '='
iso7185prt0703	Missing first operand to '>'
iso7185prt0704	Missing second operand to '>'
iso7185prt0705	Missing first operand to '<'
iso7185prt0706	Missing second operand to '<'
iso7185prt0707	Missing first operand to '<>'
iso7185prt0708	Missing second operand to '<>'
iso7185prt0709	Missing first operand to '<='
iso7185prt0710	Missing second operand to '<='
iso7185prt0711	Missing first operand to '>='
iso7185prt0712	Missing second operand to '>='
iso7185prt0713	Missing second operand to 'in'
iso7185prt0714	Alternate '><'
iso7185prt0715	Alternate '=<'
iso7185prt0716	Alternate '=>'
iso7185prt0717	Missing first operand to 'in'

### Actual Parameter List

iso7185prt0800	Empty list (parens only)
iso7185prt0801	Missing leading '(' in list
iso7185prt0802	Missing ',' in parameter list
iso7185prt0803	Missing first parameter in parameter list
iso7185prt0804	Missing second parameter in parameter list
iso7185prt0805	Missing ')' in list

### Write Parameter List

iso7185prt0900	Empty list (parens only)
iso7185prt0901	Missing leading '(' in list
iso7185prt0902	Missing ',' in parameter list
iso7185prt0903	Missing first parameter in parameter list
iso7185prt0904	Missing second parameter in parameter list
iso7185prt0905	Field with missing value
iso7185prt0906	Fraction with missing value
iso7185prt0907	Field and fraction with missing field
iso7185prt0908	Missing ')' in list

Factor

iso7185prt1000	Missing leading '(' for subexpression
iso7185prt1001	Missing subexpression in '()
iso7185prt1002	Misspelled 'not'
iso7185prt1003	'not' missing expression
iso7185prt1004	Missing '[' on set constant
iso7185prt1006	Missing first expression in range
iso7185prt1007	Missing second expression in range
iso7185prt1008	Missing '..' or ',' in set constant list
iso7185prt1009	Missing first expression in ',' delimited set constant list
iso7185prt1010	Missing second expression in ',' delimited set constant list

Term

iso7185prt1100	Missing first operand to '*'
iso7185prt1101	Missing second operand to '*'
iso7185prt1102	Missing first operand to '/'
iso7185prt1103	Missing second operand to '/'
iso7185prt1104	Missing first operand to 'div'
iso7185prt1105	Missing second operand to 'div'
iso7185prt1106	Missing first operand to 'mod'
iso7185prt1107	Missing second operand to 'mod'
iso7185prt1108	Missing first operand to 'and'
iso7185prt1109	Missing second operand to 'and'

Simple Expression

iso7185prt1200	'+' with missing term
iso7185prt1201	'-' with missing term
iso7185prt1203	Missing second operand to '+'
iso7185prt1205	Missing second operand to '-'
iso7185prt1206	Missing first operand to 'or'
iso7185prt1207	Missing second operand to 'or'

Unsigned Constant

iso7185prt1300	Misspelled 'nil'
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Variable

iso7185prt1400	Missing variable or field identifier
iso7185prt1401	Missing '[' in index list
iso7185prt1402	Missing expression in index list
iso7185prt1403	Missing first expression in index list
iso7185prt1404	Missing second expression in index list
iso7185prt1405	Missing ',' in index list
iso7185prt1406	Missing ']' in index list
iso7185prt1407	Missing field identifier after '.'

Unsigned number

iso7185prt1500	Missing leading digit before '.'
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iso7185prt1501 Missing digit after '.'  
iso7185prt1502 Missing digit before and after '.'  
iso7185prt1503 Misspelled 'e' in exponent  
iso7185prt1504 Missing 'e' in exponent  
iso7185prt1505 Missing digits in exponent  
iso7185prt1506 Missing digits in exponent after '+'  
iso7185prt1507 Missing digits in exponent after '-'  
iso7185prt1508 Missing number before exponent

#### Character String

iso7185prt1600 String extends beyond eol (no end quote)

#### **8.4.1.2 Class 2: Semantic errors**

iso7185prt1701 For an indexed-variable closest-containing a single index-expression, it is an error if the value of the index-expression is not assignment-compatible with the index-type of the array-type.

iso7185prt1702 It is an error unless a variant is active for the entirety of each reference and access to each component of the variant.

iso7185prt1703 It is an error if the pointer-variable of an identified-variable denotes a nil-value.

iso7185prt1704 It is an error if the pointer-variable of an identified-variable is undefined.

iso7185prt1705 It is an error to remove from its pointer-type the identifying-value of an identified-variable when a reference to the identified-variable exists.

iso7185prt1706 It is an error to alter the value of a file-variable  $f$  when a reference to the buffer-variable  $f^{\wedge}$  exists.

iso7185prt1707 It is an error if the value of each corresponding actual value parameter is not assignment compatible with the type possessed by the formal-parameter.

iso7185prt1708 For a value parameter, it is an error if the actual-parameter is an expression of a set-type whose value is not assignment-compatible with the type possessed by the formal-parameter.

iso7185prt1709 It is an error if the file mode is not Generation immediately prior to any use of put, write, writeln or page.

iso7185prt1710 It is an error if the file is undefined immediately prior to any use of put, write, writeln or page.

iso7185prt1711 It is an error if end-of-file is not true immediately prior to any use of put, write, writeln or page.

iso7185prt1712 It is an error if the buffer-variable is undefined immediately prior to any use of put.

iso7185prt1713 It is an error if the file is undefined immediately prior to any use of reset.

iso7185prt1714 It is an error if the file mode is not Inspection immediately prior to any use of get or read.

- iso7185prt1715 It is an error if the file is undefined immediately prior to any use of get or read.
- iso7185prt1716 It is an error if end-of-file is true immediately prior to any use of get or read.
- iso7185prt1717 For read, it is an error if the value possessed by the buffer-variable is not assignment-compatible with the variable-access.
- iso7185prt1718 For write, it is an error if the value possessed by the expression is not assignment-compatible with the buffer-variable.
- iso7185prt1719 For new(p,c 1 ,...,c n), it is an error if a variant of a variant-part within the new variable becomes active and a different variant of the variant-part is one of the specified variants.
- iso7185prt1720 For dispose(p), it is an error if the identifying-value had been created using the form new(p,c 1 ,...,c n ).
- iso7185prt1721 For dispose(p,k 1 ,...,k , ), it is an error unless the variable had been created using the form new(p,c 1 ,...,c ,,,) and m is equal to n.
- iso7185prt1722 For dispose(p,k 1 ,...,k , ), it is an error if the variants in the variable identified by the pointer value of p are different from those specified by the case-constants k 1 ,...,k ,,,.
- iso7185prt1723 For dispose, it is an error if the parameter of a pointer-type has a nil-value.
- iso7185prt1724 For dispose, it is an error if the parameter of a pointer-type is undefined.
- iso7185prt1725 It is an error if a variable created using the second form of new is accessed by the identified variable of the variable-access of a factor, of an assignment-statement, or of an actual-parameter.
- iso7185prt1726 For pack, it is an error if the parameter of ordinal-type is not assignment-compatible with the index-type of the unpacked array parameter.
- iso7185prt1727 For pack, it is an error if any of the components of the unpacked array are both undefined and accessed.
- iso7185prt1728 For pack, it is an error if the index-type of the unpacked array is exceeded.
- iso7185prt1729 For unpack, it is an error if the parameter of ordinal-type is not assignment-compatible with the index-type of the unpacked array parameter.
- iso7185prt1730 For unpack, it is an error if any of the components of the packed array are undefined.
- iso7185prt1731 For unpack, it is an error if the index-type of the unpacked array is exceeded.
- iso7185prt1732 Sqr(x) computes the square of x. It is an error if such a value does not exist.
- iso7185prt1733 For ln(x), it is an error if x is not greater than zero.
- iso7185prt1734 For sqrt(x), it is an error if x is negative.
- iso7185prt1735 For trunc(x), the value of trunc(x) is such that if x is positive or zero then  $0 < x - \text{trunc}(x) < 1$ ; otherwise  $1 < x - \text{trunc}(x) < 0$ . It is an error if such a value does not exist.



- iso7185prt1736 For `round(x)`, if `x` is positive or zero then `round(x)` is equivalent to `trunc(x+0.5)`, otherwise `round(x)` is equivalent to `trunc(x- 0.5)`. It is an error if such a value does not exist.
- iso7185prt1737 For `chr(x)`, the function returns a result of `char`-type that is the value whose ordinal number is equal to the value of the expression `x` if such a character value exists. It is an error if such a character value does not exist.
- iso7185prt1738 For `succ(x)`, the function yields a value whose ordinal number is one greater than that of `x`, if such a value exists. It is an error if such a value does not exist.
- iso7185prt1739 For `pred(x)`, the function yields a value whose ordinal number is one less than that of `x`, if such a value exists. It is an error if such a value does not exist.
- iso7185prt1740 When `eof(f)` is activated, it is an error if `f` is undefined.
- iso7185prt1741 When `eoln(f)` is activated, it is an error if `f` is undefined.
- iso7185prt1742 When `eoln(f)` is activated, it is an error if `eof(f)` is true.
- iso7185prt1743 An expression denotes a value unless a variable denoted by a variable-access contained by the expression is undefined at the time of its use, in which case that use is an error.
- iso7185prt1744 A term of the form `x/y` is an error if `y` is zero.
- iso7185prt1745 A term of the form `i div j` is an error if `j` is zero.
- iso7185prt1746 A term of the form `i mod j` is an error if `j` is zero or negative.
- iso7185prt1747 It is an error if an integer operation or function is not performed according to the mathematical rules for integer arithmetic.
- iso7185prt1748 It is an error if the result of an activation of a function is undefined upon completion of the algorithm of the activation.
- iso7185prt1749 For an assignment-statement, it is an error if the expression is of an ordinal-type whose value is not assignment-compatible with the type possessed by the variable or function-identifier.
- iso7185prt1750 For an assignment-statement, it is an error if the expression is of a set-type whose value is not assignment-compatible with the type possessed by the variable.
- iso7185prt1751 For a case-statement, it is an error if none of the case-constants is equal to the value of the case-index upon entry to the case-statement.
- iso7185prt1752 For a for-statement, it is an error if the value of the initial-value is not assignment-compatible with the type possessed by the control-variable if the statement of the for-statement is executed.
- iso7185prt1753 For a for-statement, it is an error if the value of the final-value is not assignment-compatible with the type possessed by the control-variable if the statement of the for-statement is executed.



- iso7185prt1754 On reading an integer from a textfile, after skipping preceding spaces and end-of-lines, it is an error if the rest of the sequence does not form a signed-integer.
- iso7185prt1755 On reading an integer from a textfile, it is an error if the value of the signed-integer read is not assignment-compatible with the type possessed by variable-access.
- iso7185prt1756 On reading a number from a textfile, after skipping preceding spaces and end-of-lines, it is an error if the rest of the sequence does not form a signed-number.
- iso7185prt1757 It is an error if the buffer-variable is undefined immediately prior to any use of read.
- iso7185prt1758 On writing to a textfile, the values of TotalWidth and FracDigits are greater than or equal to one ; it is an error if either value is less than one.
- iso7185prt1800 Access to dynamic variable after dispose.
- iso7185prt1801 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat within the controlled statement block, assignment.
- iso7185prt1802 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat within the controlled statement block, VAR param.
- iso7185prt1803 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat within the controlled statement block, read or readln.
- iso7185prt1804 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat within the controlled statement block, reuse of index in nested FOR loop.
- iso7185prt1805 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat in same scope block, assignment..
- iso7185prt1806 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat in same scope block, VAR parameter.
- iso7185prt1807 Threats to FOR statement index. Threat in same scope block, read or readln.
- iso7185prt1808 Validity of for loop index. Index out of current block.
- iso7185prt1809 Validity of for loop index. Index not ordinal type.
- iso7185prt1810 Validity of for loop index. Index is part of structured type.
- iso7185prt1811 State of for loop index after loop. Test undefined value of loop index after for.
- iso7185prt1820 Backwards pointer association. Indicates an error unless a pointer reference uses backwards association, which is incorrect.
- iso7185prt1821 Double definitions. Double define with same type.
- iso7185prt1822 Double definitions. Double define with different case.
- iso7185prt1823 Invalid type substitutions. Use of subrange for VAR reference.
- iso7185prt1824 Invalid type substitutions. Assign of real to integer.
- iso7185prt1825 Invalid type substitutions. Wrong type of case label.

- iso7185prt1826 Files of files. Direct specification of file of file.
- iso7185prt1827 Files of files. File in substructure.
- iso7185prt1828 Out of bounds array access. Simple out of bounds access, with attempt to redirect to runtime.
- iso7185prt1829 Parameter number mismatch. Less parameters than specified.
- iso7185prt1830 Parameter number mismatch. More parameters than specified.
- iso7185prt1831 Parameter type mismatch. Wrong type of a parameter.
- iso7185prt1832 Goto/label issues. Goto nested block.
- iso7185prt1833 Goto/label issues. Intraprocedure Goto nested block.
- iso7185prt1834 Goto/label issues. Unreferenced label.
- iso7185prt1835 Goto/label issues. No label to go to.
- iso7185prt1836 Goto/label issues. Label defined, but never used.
- iso7185prt1837 Goto/label issues. Label used but not defined.
- iso7185prt1838 Undefineds. Undefined variable.
- iso7185prt1839 Write with invalid fields. Write with zero field.
- iso7185prt1840 Write with invalid fields. Write with zero fraction.
- iso7185prt1841 Zero length string. Write zero length string.
- iso7185prt1842 Use of text procedure with non-text. Use readln with integer file.
- iso7185prt1843 Variable reference to tagfield. Pass of a tagfield as a variable reference.
- iso7185prt1844 Variable reference to packed variable. Passing a packed element as a variable reference.
- iso7185prt1845 Goto/label issues. Label defined in outer block than use.
- iso7185prt1846 Numeric overflow on constant. Integer overflow.
- iso7185prt1847 Numeric overflow on constant. Overflow on exponent.
- iso7185prt1848 Variable reference to packed variable. Passing a packed element as a variable reference.
- iso7185prt1849 Variable reference to packed variable. Passing a packed element as a variable reference.
- iso7185prt1850 Unreferenced variable. Variable without reference in program.
- iso7185prt1851 Reference to undefined variant. Test if undefined variant can be detected after the variant is changed.

iso7185prt1852 Out of range for index variable. Test if out of range is checked on 'for' index variable.

#### 8.4.1.3 Class 3: User submitted tests/encountered failures

iso7185prt1900 Elide of type. Type description completely missing.

iso7185prt1901 Constructing set from real. Check attempt to construct set from real element.

iso7185prt1902 Goto/label issues. Goto nested block.

iso7185prt1903 Goto/label issues. Goto nested block.

iso7185prt1904 If statement. The condition part of an if statement must have boolean type.

iso7185prt1905 Repeat statement. The condition of the until part of a repeat statement must have boolean type.

iso7185prt1906 While statement. The condition part of a while statement must have boolean type.

### 8.4.2 Running the PRT and interpreting the results

There is a single script that runs the prt:

```
$ runprt
```

The results of all of the tests are gathered and formatted into the file:

```
iso7185prt.lst
```

This file has several sections:

1. List of tests with no compile or runtime error.
2. List of differences between compiler output and “gold” standard outputs.
3. List of differences between runtime output and “gold” standard outputs.
4. Collected compiler listings and runtime output of all tests.

Each of these will be examined in turn.

#### 8.4.2.1 List of tests with no compile or runtime error.

The purpose of the rejection test is to cause an error in the test program, either at compile time or runtime, and test its proper handling. By definition, if no error exists, the test has failed. This list gives the tests that need to be examined for why they didn't detect an error.

#### 8.4.2.2 List of differences between compiler output and “gold” standard outputs.

Shows the number of lines difference between the output test.err or compiler output listing, and test.ecp or “gold standard” compiler output listing, for each test program. A difference of 0 means that nothing has changed in the run.

The compiler output listing flagging an error and the run output flagging an error are mutually exclusive. If the compiler listing shows an error, the program will not be run. If if the compiler output shows an error, it is examined to see if it flagged an appropriate error for the fault, and that it didn't generate excessive “cascade” or further errors caused by the compiler having difficulty recovering from the error.

Once the test.err file is judged satisfactory, it is copied to the test.ecp file as the “gold” standard. If the test run shows a difference between the current compile and the gold standard file, it does not

necessarily mean that it is wrong. It simply means it needs to be reevaluated and perhaps copied as the new gold standard file.

#### 8.4.2.3 List of differences between runtime output and “gold” standard outputs.

If the test file is successfully compiled, it is run and the output collected as test.lst. This is compared to the “gold” run output file test.cmp.

The run output file, if it exists, is checked to see if it indicates an appropriate error for the fault indicated in the test. If the run indicates no error, or an error that is not related to the fault, or simply crashes, that is a failure to properly handle the fault.

Once the test.lst file is judged satisfactory, it is copied to the test.cmp file as the “gold” standard. If the test run shows a difference between the current output and the gold standard file, it does not necessarily mean that it is wrong. It simply means it needs to be reevaluated and perhaps copied as the new gold standard file.

#### 8.4.2.4 Collected compiler listings and runtime output of all tests.

The output of the compiler listing, as well as the output of the run, if that exists, for each test is concatenated and placed at the end of the listing file. This allows the complete output of each test to be examined, without having to look at the individual test.err or test.list file.

### 8.4.3 Overall interpretation of PRT results

The rejection test is a “quality” test. There is no absolute right and wrong. The clearest indication of failure is failure to find any error. Past that are issues that indicate the quality of the error handling in the compiler:

1. If the error is indicative of what the failure was.
2. No or few further errors resulted after the failure.
3. The compiler was able to resynchronise with the source.
4. No data was corrupted as a result of the run (dynamic space imbalance, null pointer errors or similar).

You can say that failure to achieve the above marks a poor quality compiler, but not a failing test.

## 8.5 Sample program tests

The sample program tests give a series of sample programs in Pascal. The idea of the sample programs tests is to prove out operation on common programs, and also to give a newly modified version of P5 a series of tests progressing from the most simple (“hello world”) to more complex tests. If the new version of the compiler has serious problems, it is better to find out with simple tests rather than have it fail on a more complex, and difficult to debug, test.

Hello	Gives the standard “hello, world” minimum test.
Roman	Prints a series of roman numerals. From Jensen and Wirth’s “User Manual and report”.
Match	A number match game, this version from Conway, Gries and Zimmerman “A primer on Pascal”.
Startrek	Plays text mode startrek. From the internet.
Basics	Runs a subset Basic interpreter. It is tested by running a recoded version of “match” above.

Pascal-S      Runs a subset of ISO 7185 Pascal. From Niklaus Wirth's work at ETH. It is tested by running the "Roman" program above.

## 8.6 Previous Pascal-P versions test

As part of the regression tests, Pascal-P5 runs the older versions of itself, namely Pascal-P2 and Pascal-P4. These are the only versions of the compiler available. See the section "introduction" on page 8, and also the historical material on Pascal-P on the Standard Pascal website.

The run of previous versions of Pascal-P perhaps constitutes the purest form of regression test. It not only insures that P5 is compatible with previous versions, but that it can actually compile and run all of the previous code. Of course, this is possible in main because these 1970's versions were adapted to the ISO 7185 standard, but that, fortunately, was a small change.

### 8.6.1 Compile and run Pascal-P2

P2 runs on P5 virtually unmodified. It needed only the declarations of the **prd** and **prp** files removed. This is required because they are predefined in P5. In a stand-alone use of P2, those files are real external files and have to be declared.

P2 runs as a test a modified version of **roman.pas**. It has to be modified because of:

1. P2 only supports upper case.
2. P2 does not support the output file as a default parameter to **writeln**.

These changes are documented in the P2 archive on <http://www.standardpascal.org>.

P2 does not have a full regression test of its own because I didn't do the work of cutting down the ISO 7185 test to the subset that P2 implements, as I did for P4. This is perhaps a future project.

### 8.6.2 Compile and run Pascal-P4

P4 has the same modification of the **prd** and **prp** files as P2, but otherwise runs unmodified. P4 runs as its target **standardp.pas**, which was a version of **iso7185pat.pas** that was stripped so as to fit the subset of ISO 7185 that P4 runs. Recall that P4 does not run any standard of Pascal at all, it is intentionally a subset.

**Standard.pas** was modified only in that P4 running under P5 cannot execute a for loop of the form:

```
for b := false to true do ...
```

The reason for this is non-trivial. The way that P4 executes such a loop is to check that **b** lies in the range of boolean 0..1, and terminate if it lies outside that range. This actually makes it an illegal program if variable **b** is treated as boolean, since **b** will be incremented to 2 and thus be an out of range value.

This is actually a standard issue with Pascal in general, and the ISO 7185 standard took pains to show an equivalent form of the for loop that does not involve creating an out of range boolean. P5 also uses a form internally that fixes this, it has to in order to fully comply with the ISO 1785 standard.

So why does that work with a standalone P4 and not with a P4 running under P5? P4, as well as P5, treat the internal data store as typeless and use type escapes in the form of indiscriminated variants in order to differentiate the different data forms. This means that the result of assigning 2 to **b** (or incrementing it from 1) are system and compiler dependent. Thus, the direct code generating compilers tolerate this, and P5 simply does not.

## 8.7 Self compile

One of the more difficult tests for P5 (and the most time consuming) is to have P5 compile and run itself. Actually the entire idea of Pascal-P was to compile and run itself in order to accomplish a bootstrap of the compiler. Pascal-P was never provided in a form able to directly compile itself, it needed a few modifications in order to do that. Also, self compiling a compiler that interprets its final code is different from a machine code generating compiler. Whereas it is conceptually simple to imagine the parser and intermediate code generator compiling a version of itself, having the interpreter run another instance of itself on itself is like looking into a series of mirrors. The interpreter will be interpreting itself while that interpreter interprets another program, etc.

This can actually be carried out to any depth of self-interpretation, but because each interpretation level slows down the code by an order of magnitude, such nested self interpretation rapidly becomes impractical to complete. As it is, a single level of self-interpretation takes hours.

The reason to put work into a self compile of P5 is that it is a difficult test that goes a long way to prove out the stability and capacity of the compiler, and also because it proves out a very important function of Pascal-P, that of bootstrapping itself.

### 8.7.1 pcom

I was able to get pcom.pas to self compile. This means to compile and run pcom.pas, then execute it in the simulator, pint. Then it is fed its own source, and compiles itself into intermediate code. Then this is compared to the same intermediate code for pcom as output by the regular compiler. Its a good self check, and in fact found a few bugs.

The Windows batch file to control a self compile and check is:

```
cpcoms.bat
```

What does it mean to self compile? For pcom, not much. Since it does not execute itself (pint does that), it is simply operating on the interpreter, and happens to be compiling a copy of itself.

#### 8.7.1.1 Changes required

pcom won't directly compile itself the way it is written. The reason is that the "prp" file, the predefined file it uses to represent its output file is only predefined to p5 itself. The rules for ISO 7185 are that each file that is defined in the header which is not predefined, such as "input" or "output", must be also declared in a var statement. This makes sense, because if it is not a predefined file, the compiler must know what type of file (or even non-file) that is being accessed externally to the program.

Because the requirements are different from a predefined special compiler file to a file that is simply external, the source code must be different for a P5 file vs. another compiler. A regular ISO 7185 Pascal compiler isn't going to have a predefined prp file.

The change is actually quite small, and marked in the source. You simply need to remove, or comment out, the following statements:

```
{ !!! remove this statement for self compile }

prp: text;           { output code file }

and

{ !!! remove this statement for self compile }
```

```
rewrite(prr); { open output file }
```

In the batch file above, this modified file is represented as pcomm.pas, or "modified" pcom.pas.

All of the source code changes from pcom.pas to pcomm.pas are automated in cpints.bat.

### 8.7.2 pint

Pint is more interesting to self compile, since it is running (being interpreted) on a copy of itself. Unlike the pcom self compile, pint can run a copy of itself running a copy of itself, etc., to any depth. Of course, each time the interpreter runs on itself, it slows down orders of magnitude, so it does not take many levels to make it virtually impossible to run to completion. Ran a copy of pint running on itself, then interpreting a copy of iso7185pat. The result of the iso7185pat is then compared to the "gold" standard file.

As with pcom, pint will not self compile without modification. It has the same issue with predefined header files. Also, pint cannot run on itself unless its storage requirements are reduced. For example, if the "store" array, the byte array that is used to contain the program, constants and variables, is 1 megabyte in length, the copy of pint that is hosted on pint must have a 1 megabyte store minus all of the overhead associated with pint itself.

The windows batch file required to self compile pint is:

```
cpints.bat
```

As a result, these are the changes required in pint:

```
{ !!! Need to use the small size memory to self compile, otherwise, by
  definition, pint cannot fit into its own memory. }

maxstr    = 2000000; { maximum size of addressing for program/var }
{ maxstr    = 200000; } { maximum size of addressing for program/var }
and
{ !!! remove this next statement for self compile }

prd,prp   : text;(*prd for read only, prp for write only *)
and
{ !!! remove this next statement for self compile }

reset(prd);
and
{ !!! remove this next statement for self compile }

rewrite(prp);
```

All these changes were made in the file pintm.pas.

Pint also has to change the way it takes in input files. It cannot read the intermediate from the input file, because that is reserved for the program to be run. Instead, it reads the intermediate from the "prd" header file. The interpreted program can also use the same prd file. The solution is to "stack up" the intermediate files. The intermediate for pint itself appears first, followed by the file that is to run under that (iso7185pat). It works because the intermediate has a command that signals the end of the intermediate file, "q". The copy of pint that is reading the intermediate code for pint stops, then the interpreted copy of pint starts and reads in the other part of the file. This could, in fact, go to any depth.

All of the source code changes from pint.pas to pintm.pas are automated in cpints.bat.

Self compiled files and sizes

The resulting sizes of the self compiled files are:

pcomm.p5

Storage areas occupied

Contents	Range of storage	Net size
Program	0-114657	(114658)
Stack/Heap	114658-1987994	(1873337)
Constants	1987995-2000000	( 12005)

pintm.p5

Storage areas occupied

Contents	Range of storage	Net size
Program	0- 56194	(56195)
Stack/Heap	56195-1993985	(1937791)
Constants	1993986-2000000	(6014)

## 9 Licensing

Pascal-P5 is derived from the original sources of the Pascal-P compiler from ETH Zurich, as created by Niklaus Wirth and his students. It was and is public domain, as acknowledged by Professor Wirth, and I add my modifications to it to the public domain as well.

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The following are typical answers to questions about public domain works in general, and this work in specific.

Q. The Berne convention states that copyright in Europe, where Pascal-P originated, is automatic. Doesn't that make Pascal-P a copyrighted work?



A. The laws in all copyright countries dictate what must be done to qualify as a copyrighted work. Since there is no specific legal agreement concerning public domain work, public domain is shaped by what constitutes enforceable copyright. The most common features of public domain are, but not limited to:

1. The author has stated the work is public domain.
2. The work has been distributed freely and with knowledge of the author(s).

In the case of Pascal-P, both are true.

Q. Doesn't public domain mean that I may no longer be able to gain access to the source?

A. If every copy of the work were to be erased or burned, but that is virtually impossible. Nobody can order you to release your copy since, by definition, there are no "rights" to a public domain work.

Q. Can't someone just copyright or patent the work later?

A. Showing that a work is in the public domain is part of denying copyright or patent to a work. By definition, a legitimate public domain work cannot later be copyrighted or patented.

Q. Can't someone improve the work, then gain rights to that derived work and thus restrict it's use?

A. Anyone can improve a public domain work, but they only have rights to their improvements, not to the original work. If their improvements are trivial, then it would be trivial for others to add that functionality. If it is not trivial, then you might want to pay for it.