

# COBOL Reserved Words

The following table lists COBOL reserved words on z/OS platforms.

*Table 1. COBOL Reserved Words*

A	ACCEPT	ALPHABETIC-LOWER	APPLY
	ACCESS	ALPHABETIC-UPPER	ARE
	ADD	ALPHANUMERIC	AREA
	ADDRESS	ALPHANUMERIC-EDITED	AREAS
	ADVANCING	ALSO	ASCENDING
	AFTER	ALTER	ASSIGN
	ALL	ALTERNATE	AT
	ALPHABET	AND	AUTHOR
B	ALPHABETIC	ANY	
	BASIS	BINARY	BOTTOM
	BEFORE	BLANK	BY
C	BEGINNING	BLOCK	
	CALL	COLUMN	COMPUTATIONAL-5
	CANCEL	COM-REG	COMPUTE
	CBL	COMMA	CONFIGURATION
	CD	COMMON	CONTAINS
	CF	COMMUNICATION	CONTENT
	CH	COMP	CONTINUE

	CHARACTER	COMP-1	CONTROL
	CHARACTERS	COMP-2	CONTROLS
	CLASS	COMP-3	CONVERTING
	CLASS-ID	COMP-4	COPY
	CLOCK-UNITS	COMP-5	CORR
	CLOSE	COMPUTATIONAL	CORRESPONDING
	COBOL	COMPUTATIONAL-1	COUNT
	CODE	COMPUTATIONAL-2	CURRENCY
	CODE-SET	COMPUTATIONAL-3	
	COLLATING	COMPUTATIONAL-4	
D	DATA	DEBUG-SUB-1	DESTINATION
	DATE-COMPILED	DEBUG-SUB-2	DETAIL
	DATE-WRITTEN	DEBUG-SUB-3	DISPLAY
	DAY	DEBUGGING	DISPLAY-1
	DAY-OF-WEEK	DECIMAL-POINT	DIVIDE
	DBCS	DECLARATIVES	DIVISION
	DE	DELETE	DOWN
	DEBUG-CONTENTS	DELIMITED	DUPLICATES
	DEBUG-ITEM	DELIMITER	DYNAMIC
	DEBUG-LINE	DEPENDING	
	DEBUG-NAME	DESCENDING	
E	EGCS	END-INVOKE	ENDING
	EGI	END-MULTIPLY	ENTER

	EJECT	END-OF-PAGE	ENTRY
	ELSE	END-PERFORM	ENVIRONMENT
	EMI	END-READ	EOP
	ENABLE	END-RECEIVE	EQUAL
	END	END-RETURN	ERROR
	END-ADD	END-REWRITE	ESI
	END-CALL	END-SEARCH	EVALUATE
	END-COMPUTE	END-START	EVERY
	END-DELETE	END-STRING	EXCEPTION
	END-DIVIDE	END-SUBTRACT	EXIT
	END-EVALUATE	END-UNSTRING	EXTEND
	END-IF	END-WRITE	EXTERNAL
F	FALSE FD  FILE  FILE-CONTROL	FILLER FINAL  FIRST  FOOTING	FOR FROM  FUNCTION
G	GENERATE GIVING  GLOBAL	GO GOBACK  GREATER	GROUP
H	HEADING	HIGH-VALUE	HIGH-VALUES
I	I-O I-O-CONTROL  ID	INDICATE INHERITS  INITIAL	INSPECT INSTALLATION  INTO

	IDENTIFICATION	INITIALIZE	INVALID
	IF	INITIATE	INVOKE
	IN	INPUT	IS
	INDEX	INPUT-OUTPUT	
	INDEXED	INSERT	
J	JUST	JUSTIFIED	
K	KANJI	KEY	
L	LABEL	LIMIT	LINES
	LAST	LIMITS	LINKAGE
	LEADING	LINAGE	LOCAL-STORAGE
	LEFT	LINAGE-COUNTER	LOCK
	LENGTH	LINE	LOW-VALUE
	LESS	LINE-COUNTER	LOW-VALUES
M	MEMORY	METHOD	MORE-LABELS
	MERGE	METHOD-ID	MOVE
	MESSAGE	MODE	MULTIPLE
	METAClass	MODULES	MULTIPLY
N	NATIVE	NO	NUMBER
	NATIVE_BINARY	NOT	NUMERIC
	NEGATIVE	NULL	NUMERIC-EDITED
	NEXT	NULLS	
O	OBJECT	ON	OTHER
	OBJECT-COMPUTER	OPEN	OUTPUT


	OCCURS	OPTIONAL	OVERFLOW
	OF	OR	OVERRIDE
	OFF	ORDER	
	OMITTED	ORGANIZATION	
P	PACKED-DECIMAL PADDING	PIC PICTURE	PROCEDURE-POINTER PROCEDURES
	PAGE	PLUS	PROCEED
	PAGE-COUNTER	POINTER	PROCESSING
	PASSWORD	POSITION	PROGRAM
	PERFORM	POSITIVE	PROGRAM-ID
	PF	PRINTING	PURGE
	PH	PROCEDURE	
Q	QUEUE	QUOTE	QUOTES
R	RANDOM RD	RELATIVE RELEASE	RESERVE RESET
	READ	RELOAD	RETURN
	READY	REMAINDER	RETURN-CODE
	RECEIVE	REMOVAL	RETURNING
	RECORD	RENAMES	REVERSED
	RECORDING	REPLACE	REWIND
	RECORDS	REPLACING	REWRITE
	RECURSIVE	REPORT	RF
	REDEFINES	REPORTING	RH

	REEL	REPORTS	RIGHT
	REFERENCE	REPOSITORY	ROUNDED
	REFERENCES	RERUN	RUN
S	SAME SD  SEARCH  SECTION  SECURITY  SEGMENT  SEGMENT-LIMIT  SELECT  SELF  SEND  SENTENCE  SEPARATE  SEQUENCE  SEQUENTIAL  SERVICE  SET  SHIFT-IN  SHIFT-OUT	SIGN SIZE  SKIP1  SKIP2  SKIP3  SORT  SORT-CONTROL  SORT-CORE-SIZE  SORT-FILE-SIZE  SORT-MERGE  SORT-MESSAGE  SORT-MODE-SIZE  SORT-RETURN  SOURCE  SOURCE-COMPUTER  SPACE  SPACES  SPECIAL-NAMES	STANDARD STANDARD-1  STANDARD-2  START  STATUS  STOP  STRING  SUB-QUEUE-1  SUB-QUEUE-2  SUB-QUEUE-3  SUBTRACT  SUM  SUPER  SUPPRESS  SYMBOLIC  SYNC  SYNCHRONIZED
T	TABLE TALLY	TEXT THAN	TITLE TO

	TALLYING	THEN	TOP
	TAPE	THROUGH	TRACE
	TERMINAL	THRU	TRAILING
	TERMINATE	TIME	TRUE
	TEST	TIMES	TYPE
U	UNIT UNSTRING  UNTIL	UP UPON  USAGE	USE USING
V	VALUE	VALUES	VARYING
W	WHEN WHEN-COMPILED  WITH	WORDS WORKING-STORAGE  WRITE	WRITE-ONLY
Z	ZERO	ZEROES	ZEROS

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