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mainly to compare two versions of a source program which have been indented or commented differently, but which are otherwise similar. Only the tokens seen by the PL/I compiler will be compared.

IMPLICATIONS:
Two new facilities will be provided, both of which simplify and standardize the creation of special-purpose parsing and translation routines. In particular, translators created by the reduction compiler all have a similar, easy to understand organization, and they are easier to write, debug, and maintain than adhoc translators.
**MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST**

**TITLE:** Boundfault/Hardware Bug

**AUTHOR:** M.A. Meer

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**REASONS:** Boundfaults are handled incorrectly on decimal EIS instructions due to both hardware and software bugs.

**FIX:** Part I: A hardware bug in the 6180 processor caused the SCU data stored for out-of-bound faults to be incorrect. Until this is fixed at all sites, the software can be changed to assume the page referenced in one more than that indicated by the SCU data. It turns out the software can safely do this at the expense of occasionally using a larger ASTE than is necessary.

Part II: When the hardware is fixed, the software should again be fixed to use the SCU data to determine the actual page referenced.
TITLE: Upgrade tty_dim to use ioam_detacher functions

AUTHOR: M.J. Grady

SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

CLASSIFICATION

Incompatible Change

X Extension

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Performance Improvement

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Bug Fix

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REASONS:

Certain types of devices which are controlled by the tty_dim, i.e., MDS2400, can be "lost" if the owning process terminates abnormally. This has not been a problem before since all "teletypes" were owned by the answering service, which never terminates abnormally. However, the MDS2400 is owned by the Daemon driver process which is running it, and if the process terminates the MDS2400 cannot be used for the remainder of the session.

SUMMARY:

Add an ioam_detacher entry to tty_index which will be called by ioam when a process terminates. If the process owns any of the MDS type devices, they will be detached and made available for further use.
MULTIPLE CHANGE REQUEST

TITLE: Change g115_DIM operator intervention condition

AUTHOR: M.J. Grady

SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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REASONS: In order to improve the operator interface to the remote I/O Driver process, it is desired to change the condition signalled as a result of pressing the "ABORT" button on the MDS2400 from "quit" to "device_quit".

SUMMARY: This change will allow the Daemon to identify the source of the "quit", either the MDS2400 or the initializer quit command.

IMPLICATIONS: Simultaneous installation of the new Daemon and new DIM may be required.
**TITLE:** Fix bug in `delete_`  

**AUTHOR:** Steve Herbst  

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"  

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**REASONS:** `delete_$ptr` gets a linkage fault referencing the nonexistent error code `error_table_$badsegno` when its input argument is a null pointer.

**SUMMARY:** Replace reference to `error_table_$badsegno` with reference to `error_table_$invalidsegno`. 
TITLE: Fix bug in terminate_process_

AUTHOR: M. Weaver

SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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REASONS: Since the installation of the finish condition handler, the logout message has not appeared in absentee absout files; absentee processes have overflowed the stack.

SUMMARY: Change terminate_process_ to signal finish after printing absentee logout info.

IMPLICATIONS: Message will appear again in absout files.

DETAILED PROPOSAL: Emergency fix; already installed.
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**REASONS:**

Two bugs were introduced in the new version of dorint.

1. If a user's segment cannot be found, the indentation, page and line lengths are not reset before the error message is printed. This results in some mighty funny-looking head sheets.

2. Users who call dorint with a version 2 structure find that it is treated as if it were version 3; if they have not set the page length correctly, problems will occur.

**SUMMARY:**

Fix the bugs.
MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

TITLE: change delete to work with the Access Isolation Mechanism

AUTHOR: Jerold C. Whitmore

SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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CLASSIFICATION: Incompatible Change

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REASONS: When delete attempts to delete a directory, it first tries to reference its contents. This causes an access violation error on an upgraded directory.

Summary: Change delete to first call hcs_$delentry_file. If the directory is empty we stop here. If the fuldir error is returned, then call hcs_$del_dir_tree to delete the contents, as done now.

Implications: None to current users. Deletedir will work for the current system and multi-level sites.

The program is coded and tested.
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**REASONS:**

The Network IOSIM installed at MIT recently does not update the default map at initialization to those setup by the Answering Service process.

**SUMMARY:**

Fix the bug.
**TITLE:** Fix crecho bug in tty_ctl

**AUTHOR:** M.J. Grady

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**REASONS:** A bug was discovered which caused system crashes when crecho mode used on a model 37 TTY.

**SUMMARY:** Fix the bug.

**IMPLICATIONS:** None.
**TITLE:** Fix a bug in dn355$get_devx

**AUTHOR:** M.J. Grady

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**REASONS:** In certain cases when the tty DIM asked dn355$get_devx for the devx of a particular line, it would return the devx of a different line, with no error code.

**SUMMARY:** Fix the bug.

**IMPLICATIONS:** None.
## MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

**TITLE:** Add active function to dump ring zero.

**AUTHOR:** VanVlack

**SOURCE:** (if external: e.g., "User", "Marketing")

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**REASONS:**

Some sites find bugs in the supervisor which can be avoided by patching ring zero in the system_start_up.ec. But if the system is changed before this ec is updated, havoc results from bad patches. This situation has occurred several times.

**SUMMARY:**

Add a new active function to TOOLS, "ring_zero Peek Af". The value of

```
[ring_zero Peek Af seqno Offset]
```

will be the contents of the word at seqnoOffset. Then, lines like

```
Aif [and [equal [ring_zero Peek Af ?? 01 062063356061] [equal [ring_zero Peek Af ?? 11 0711410402401]]
  then answer yes prz .....
else &print System is not 23.19a!!!!
```

...can be added to the system_start_up.ec or to a special patch ec which might be distributed to all sites if necessary.
TITLE: Installation of ms_create in bound_access_commands

AUTHOR: Steve Herbst

SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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REASONS: Technically, the new mailbox commands are supposed to be a standard system feature and the queue message segment commands are supposed to be tools. However, all these commands are implemented by the same program. Also, they use find_common_acl_names, which is used by the new acl commands (set_acl).

SUMMARY: Install ms_create, the program that implements all message segment and mailbox commands, in bound_access_commands along with set_acl and find_common_acl_names.
TITLE: Clean up bound_math

AUTHOR: David S. Levin

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REASONS:

Some of the math functions are now available thru operator calls. The algorithms used in the operators differ in some cases from those in the segment bound_math. Those procedures will be fixed by simply invoking the operator segment algorithm.

In other cases, math functions which formerly required out of line code can now be done either in line or by the procedure complex_binary_op. Therefore, the inline code could (and should) be used.

Finally, some of the math procedures invoke functions using explicit external calls, whereas, many of these external calls can be replaced by operator calls.

IMPLICATIONS: Because some of the algorithms will change, programs compiled before April 1974 may produce slightly different answers. The new algorithms have been chosen because they are more accurate than their predecessors.
# MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

**TITLE:** Update test tape to handle MTS 500

**AUTHOR:** Grace Ackerman-Lewis

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**REASONS:**

To allow test_tape to run on the new 500 drives and add the capability of specifying volume Id and setting the density.

**SUMMARY:**

Add new parameters -dens and -vild to test_tape and modify the parameter handling so that the parameters need not appear in any specific order.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

Will require a new writeup describing the use of the new parameters.
Fix bug in "detach - attach" sequence for remote device driver

AUTHOR: Robert S. Coren

SUMMARY: Add check to input_cmd_ for remote device when "detach" or "attach" specified, and call entries in remote_ to handle these commands.

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REASONS:
When the I/O Interfacer is installed, the GIM will be removed. Since the current reader and punch software use the GIM to perform I/O, it is imperative that they be recoded to use the I/O Interfacer. (The GIM is an obsolete interface which simulates GIOC operation.)

Summary:
The reader and punch DIMs will be recoded to use the I/O Interfacer for operation of the respective devices. No basic changes will be made to the overall algorithms in these DIMs. They will, however, be upgraded at this time to allow for operation of URMPC peripherals as well as common peripheral devices.
TITLE: Modify Tape DCM to use I/O Interfacer

AUTHOR: Noel I. Morris

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REASONS:
The installation of the I/O Interfacer will make it possible to perform I/O on tapes from an outer ring. The ring 0 tape DCM can thus be eliminated, decreasing the size of the security kernel. Since many programs rely on the tape DCM interface, a writearound is to be provided. This writearound will reside in the user ring and provide the TDCM user with an identical interface. It will call the I/O Interfacer to perform tape I/O.

SUMMARY:
The basic "iocall" code of the TDCM will be moved to an outer ring. New code will be written around this code for attaching and detaching tapes. The portion of the TDCM concerned with tape assignment and unassignment will remain in Ring 0 for the time being.

IMPLICATIONS:
Since I/O will be performed from an outer ring DCM, the wait and notify mechanism will no longer be used. Thus, a tape user will no longer tie up an eligibility slot while tape I/O is in progress. Certain tape metering information is no longer available.
**TITLE:** Fix bug in sys_full_report

**AUTHOR:** T. Casey

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**REASONS:** If no user has been refused login due to a full system during the entire month, sys_full_report blows up trying to divide by zero during the monthly billing run.

**SUMMARY:** Fix the bug.
**TITLE:** Fix bug in `convert_binary_integer`  

**AUTHOR:** Steve Herbst  

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"  

**CLASSIFICATION:** Incompatible Change  
**JUXTAPOSITION:** Marketing Requirement  
**REASON:**  

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**REASONS:**  
Octal 4000000000000 is a legal hardware number but `convert_binary_integer` gets a fixed point overflow trying to convert it. The offending operation is:  

\[
\text{if number} < 0 \text{ then number} = -\text{number;} \text{ which produces a result one larger than the largest number.}
\]

**SUMMARY:** Special case for 400000000000 in single precision entries and 400000000000000000000000 in double precision entries. Test for these values and return the appropriate string.
MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

TITe: Bug Fix in imp_input_processor

AUTHOR: Kenneth T. Pogran

SOURCE: (if external) e.g. "User", "Marketing"

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REASONS: imp_input_processor, executing at interrupt time, processes certain Host-Host Protocol control commands contained in messages received on control links from other Network hosts. Messages which contain control commands which are not processed at interrupt time are left to be processed by the NCP. When a message contains both types of commands, the message must be left for the NCP, but to avoid duplicate processing, the op-codes of commands processed at interrupt time are replaced by special op-codes which the NCP treats as exotic NO-OPs. Unfortunately, due to a PL/1 coding error, this op-code replacement is done incorrectly and a zero is stored instead of the special op-code. Zero is the op-code for the standard NO-OP command, and, since Host-Host commands vary in length, their length being determined by their op-codes, the NCP becomes confused when it attempts to process commands which follow a command processed at interrupt time whose length is greater than one byte and whose op-code has been replaced with that of a standard NO-OP whose length is one byte. Thus, some commands become "lost", resulting in "half-open connections", "lost allocates", and other similar anomalies which we have been observing for quite some time.

SUMMARY: Change declaration of special op-code constants from fixed bin (17) to fixed bin (8) so that taking bit() of the constant will result in a bit string of the correct length which will not be truncated.

NOTE: This fix has been installed as an "emergency fix" so that is correct functioning (and elimination of the anomalies described above) can be determined before the submission of the modified IMP DIM with the new (8-packet message) buffering strategy.
**TITLE:** Enforce "rw" for message segments

**AUTHOR:** Steve Herbst

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**REASONS:** ACL entries on message segments currently have "rew" real access. They should have "rw"; a message segment is never executable.

**SUMMARY:** Have the message segment primitives enforce "rw" real access.
# Emergency fix to exists active function

## TITLE:
Emergency fix to exists active function

## AUTHOR:
Paul A. Green

## STATUS DATE
Approved

## MIT IPC
**CLASSIFICATION** | **JUSTIFICATION** | **REMARKS**
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Incompatible Change | Marketing Requirement | Implemented in System
X Extension | Conformance to Standard | Objections/Comments:
Restriction | Increased Consistency | X fix incompatibility with old program.
Performance Improvement | Simplification | 
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## USE THESE HEADINGS:
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## REASONS:
The implementation of a recent change to `exists` (MCR 690) accidentally created a compatibility problem for users of `exists`. The old version would recognize multisegment files using the `directory` keyword, but the new one would not. Since the new one had no keyword for multisegment files, the only way to recognize and multisegment file was to notice that it was not a directory, segment, or link. It is claimed that since users need the ability to recognize multisegment files, exists should support this capability.

## SUMMARY:
Add "msf" keyword which returns "true" if a multisegment file of the specified entryname exists, "false" otherwise. Add "file" keyword which returns "true" if a segment or multisegment file exists, "false" otherwise. (Similar to the arguments to the list command; -msf and -file).

## IMPLICATIONS:
Solves user compatibility problem. Adds new capability to exists.

## DETAILED PROPOSAL:
Coded, tested, and submitted as an emergency fix at MIT.
**Title:** Add SST name table to system

**Author:** Webber, Greenberg

**Source:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**Reasons:** In order to analyze dumps, it is useful to know the full pathnames of active segments. This allows identification of the contents of core, cache, and the AST. This information, although it could be acquired at crash time, is valuable while Multics is running for performance analysis among other reasons. The mechanism will be under control of a DEBG card. If the DEBG card says we're not keeping track of the segment names, BOS can fill in the data at PDUMP time.

**Summary:** A segment will be placed in the hardcore during initialization. (Disk addresses will be reserved for it whether the mechanism is being used or not via the "don't null zero pages" mechanism of page control.) This segment will consist of an array of char (32) names (after a header), containing the primary name of each segment (activation time), paralleling the AST entries as they are laid out in the SST. Thus, given an SST, the names are easily found - given the parent pointers in the ASTE's pathnames can be generated.
Whenever a segment is activated, and the DEBG card says to save the name, the primary name is copied from the branch into this sst name table.

IMPLICATIONS: An extra page reference at activate time - when DEBG card says so.

Also, much easier dump analysis tools:
- better dump print out;
- better cache dumping (impossible to do this online without this feature).
TITLE: Fix process page fault reporting.

Bernard Greenberg

AUTHOR: ______________________________

SOURC: (if external) e. g., "User", "Marketing"

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REASONS:

get_process_usage currently returns the process' page fault count from its APT Entry. This quantity is updated only when a pass is made through the traffic controller by the process.

SUMMARY: Obtain page fault count from pds$page_waits.
**MULTICP CHANGE REQUEST**

**TITLE:** Fix Segfault/Boundfault interaction

**AUTHOR:** Bernard Greenberg

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**REASONS:**

When a segment fault is taken on a segment, where the address being referenced is higher than the current length of the segment, seg fault improperly grants an AST entry large enough to contain the current length of the segment. As soon as the segfault is restarted, a boundfault results. This causes AST thrashing, unnecessary locking, etc. This happens twice, for instance, in process creation.

**SUMMARY:** Fix segfault to grant an AST entry large enough to accommodate the max of the referenced address and the current length. The referenced address is already checked against the max length.
MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

TITLE: Convert language library to unbundled library

AUTHOR: Arlene J. Scherer

SOURCE: (If external; e.g., "User", "Marketing")

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REASONS, SUMMARY, IMPLICATIONS, and optionally DETAILED PROPOSAL

REASON:
Because Honeywell wants to "unbundle" compilers and language processors other than PL1, (with perhaps some exceptions), an unbundled library is being created from the current "lang" library.

SUMMARY:
Move the PL1 compiler and other "bundled" language processors to >ldd>lang>s for source, >ldd>lang>object for object, and to >sss for executable code (the name >lang will be added to >sss).

Rename the present languages libraries to unb and leave their contents intact if they are designated as unbundled.
MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

TITLE: Incorporate max length attribute setting into online installation tools.

AUTHOR: P. Kelley

SOURCE: (If external; e.g., "User", "Marketing")

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Incompatible     | Marketing
Change           | Requirement Implemented in System
Extension        | Conformance
Restriction      | Standard Objections/Comments
Performance      | Consistency
Improvement      | Simplification
Reliability      | Generalization
Improvement      | Bug Fix

Use these headings: REASONS, SUMMARY, IMPLICATIONS, and optionally DETAILED PROPOSAL

Summary:
Provide the online updating tools with the capability to set the max length segment attribute.

Detailed Proposal:
The default max length for a segment will be set to the nearest upper page boundary of its current length. A "-max_length" option will enable the installer to explicitly specify a different max length if necessary, subject to the constraint:

current length ≤ x ≤ sys_info$max_seg_size.

Implications:
The installer will have to be aware of segments which can "grow", and set their max length accordingly.
**TITLE:** Fix a bug in g115_DIM printer conversion routine

**AUTHOR:** M.J. Grady

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**REASONS:** A bug exists in the g115_DIM printer conversion routines which causes two characters to be dropped when the line is longer than 132 characters.

**SUMMARY:** Fix the bug.

**IMPLICATIONS:** None

**DETAILED PROPOSAL:** Coded and Tested. Ready for submission.
TITLE: Fix bug in mseg_ and mseg_own_

AUTHOR: Steve Herbst

SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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REASONS: Calling a file entry in either mseg_ or mseg_own_ with the name of a nonexistent message segment causes a reference through null pointer.

SUMMARY: Fix bug in both programs.

IMPLICATIONS: None
**MULTI-CREATE PROJECT**

**TITLE:** Add New Options to create_dir for Support of the Access Isolation Mechanism

**AUTHOR:** Jerold C. Whitmore

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**REASONS:** Users must be able to create an upgraded directory to work within the Access Isolation Mechanism.

**Summary:** Two options will be added to create_dir: `-class <access_class>` and `-quota<n>`. These will operate as described in the attached command description. The two options will operate independently.

**Implications:** none. The command will operate exactly as it does today if no options are specified.

**Installation:** This change cannot be installed until after the `hcs_create_upgraded_dir` primitive (MCR 619) has been installed.

**Documentation:** The MPM will be changed to document the options.
The `createdir` command causes a storage system directory branch of specified name to be created in a specified directory (or in the working directory). That is, it creates a storage system entry for an empty subdirectory. See the write-up of the `create` command for creation of segments.

**Usage**

```
createdir path1 ... pathn -control_args-
```

where:

1. `path1` specifies the name of the subdirectory to be created.
2. `control_args` is one of the following argument pairs:

- `class <access class>` This option will cause each directory created to be upgraded to the specified access class. If the `-quota` option is not specified, a quota of 1 is assumed (see notes). This option applies to each `path1`. The access class may be specified with either long or short names.

- `quota <n>` This option will cause a quota of `n` to be moved to the created directory. The parent directory must have an unused quota greater than `n`. The value of `n` must be a decimal number greater than 0. This option applies to each `path1`.

**Notes**

The user must have an effective append access for the directories in question.

If the creation of a new subdirectory would introduce a duplication of names within the directory, and if the old subdirectory has only one name, the user is interrogated as to whether he wishes the subdirectory bearing the old instance of the name to be deleted. (If the old subdirectory has multiple names, the conflicting name is removed and a message to that effect issued to the user.)

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The user is given su1a access for the subdirectory created.

All superior directories specified in path1 must already exist. That is, only a single level of storage system hierarchy can be created with one invocation of this command.

Each upgraded directory must have an quota greater than zero and must have an access class which is greater than its parent. The specified access class must also be less than or equal to the maximum access authorization of the process. (See MPM section xxxx for further details.)

Examples

`createdir sub `my_dir`>alpha>new`

would create the subdirectory sub immediately inferior to the current working directory and the subdirectory new immediately inferior to the directory `my_dir>alpha`. As noted above, the directories `my_dir` and `alpha` must already exist. Both directories would be assigned the access class of of their parent directory.

`createdir subA -class a,c1,c2 -quota 5`

would create the subdirectory subA with an access class of a,c1,c2 and a quota of 5 pages. The directory subA would be created immediately inferior to the working directory.
**MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST**

**TITLE:** Delete mount package code from tape

**AUTHOR:** Bill Silver

**SOURCE:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

**CLASSIFICATION** | **JUSTIFICATION** | **Replaced by proposal MCP**
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Incompatible Change | Marketing Incompatibility | Implemented in System
Extension | Conformance to Standard | Objections/Comments:
Restriction | Increased Consistency
Performance Improvement | Simplification
Reliability Improvement | Generalization
Availability Improvement | Bus Fix

**REASONS:** Code currently exists in the Multics standard tape I/O module, tape, which involves the tape mount package. The tape mount package is not now installed and thus this code is not used. tape is an ios DIM. It calls tdcm. With the advent of loi tdcm has been moved to a higher ring and is now tdcm. When the tape mount package is installed, regardless of what form it takes, the interface to it should be made from tdcm. Thus the tape mount package code in tape will never be used. It should be removed since it takes up space (an extra lk in bound tape) and because some execution time is wasted checking to see if the mount package is available. Since tape will be used as the model for building the newiox tape multi I/O module this code should be removed in order to simplify the logic of tape and to ensure that this never-to-be-used code is not propagated in other I/O modules.
**MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST**

**Title:** Create initial version of tape_mult

**Author:** Bill Silver

**Source:** (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing"

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**Reasons:**

An iox compatible Multics standard tape I/O module is needed to support Multics tape utility subsystems that will be converted from using io5_ to using iox_.

**Summary:**

The current version of tape will be converted to support the iox interface. Only those changes absolutely required for this conversion will be made to tape_.

**Detailed Proposal:**

tape mult will support unstructured files. It will support the stream input and stream output opening modes. It will support the iox entry points:

attach, detach, open, close, get_chars, put_chars, control, and position (for rewind only).
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REASONS:  
ipc inhibit counter was not being updated correctly during a cutoff or a reconnect.
## MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

**MCR **817

**TITLE**: Emergency fix to cleanup command

**AUTHOR**: Arlene J. Scherer

**SOURCE**: (if external: e.g., "User", "Marketing")

**CLASSIFICATION**: Replaced by proposal MCR

**REASONS**: Implemented in System

**SOURCES**: Objections/Comments:

**IMPLICATIONS**: (Installation tool).

**DETAILED PROPOSAL**

The cleanup command suddenly began getting a fault_tag_1 due to uninitialized pointer variables. The pointers were initialized to null and the fixed version installed to allow cleanup to operate on schedule. This change was also incorporated in the version of cleanup that is awaiting installation.
## MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

| TITLE: Correct percentage computation for monthly usage reports. |
| STATUS | DATE |
| Written | 10/10/74 |
| Approved | 10/15/74 |
| Author: F. C. Smith |

## SOURCE: (if external) e.g., "User", "Marketing" |

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### REASONS:
The percentage changes in statistical quantities printed in the monthly usage reports are non-standard. The denominator used in computing them is the figure for the old month, rather than the new month.

### Summary:
Modify system_monthly_report to use the figure for the old month as the denominator in the percentage changes.

### Implications:
In the future, when new items are added to the file, checks for zero values will have to be included in the program.
MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST

TITLE: online updating tools: modify documentation strategy

AUTHOR: P. Kelley

SOURCE: (If external; e.g., "User", "Marketing")

CLASSIFICATION

JUSTIFICATION

REASONS

SUMMARY

IMPLICATIONS

DETAILED PROPOSAL

Summary:
There is a bug in the documentation task of the online updating tools which very infrequently causes the "area" condition to be raised when attempting to update an info file (i.e., news.info). This condition causes the installation to back itself up.

Proposal:
Modify the strategy for updating the info file by, 1) requiring less temporary storage thereby reducing the probability of an "area" condition, and, 2) introducing an "area" handler in this task to recover gracefully without forcing the installation to back up.

Implications:
Since the documentation task is the last and least important task the online updating tools perform, the prevention of a fatal error occurring at this point is worthwhile.
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<td>Refer to MTBs 103 and 118. Install mechanism to optionally log protection events (involving ACLs, ring brackets, or access isolation mechanism) occurring in rings 0 and 1 in the syserr log.</td>
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5. Add meters to fim, dir_control_error, and protection_audit_ to obtain concrete auditing performance data.

IMPLICATIONS:

At sites with all optional auditing disabled, no additional messages will appear in the syserr log. Performance change (increased CPU and paging overhead) is expected to be unmeasurably small.

At sites using auditing, the frequency of auditable protection events and the selectivity of System Security Administrators in enabling auditing will govern the amount of new overhead involved.

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

fim: Add about 30 instructions to conditionally audit protection-related access violation and illegal procedure faults. Add an aos to generate a fault frequency histogram in wired_hardcore_data.

illegal_procedure: Add a conditional audit call to audit bona fide illegal procedure faults (those not involving legal EIS instructions or instructions being simulated). This cannot be done conveniently by fim.

audit_flags.incl alm: Masks used by fim for auditing faults.

wired_hardcore_data: 70(8) fixed bin (35) buckets will hold a fault frequency histogram.

dir_control_error: A 3-instruction conditional and a 12-instruction call will audit access denials to directories and segments.

protection_audit_: Add this new module (1.5 pages of code, 500(10) words of automatic storage) to the end of bound_system_faults (where most of its callers reside). It calls fs_set, access_mode, level, and lock as necessary to obtain information for the log. It calls syserr to log each message.

audit_flags.incl.pl1: This contains a structure for referencing individual PDS audit selectivity flags.

syserr_real: Increase the length of a message buffer in automatic storage to allow single syserr messages to be longer than 80 characters.
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syserr_logger: Add code to wakeup the Initializer to copy the paged syserr log into the hierarchy when it is in danger of wrapping around. Add a "copy_init" entry point to be called via hphcs_ during answering service initialization to store away the event call channel number for sending log copying wakeups to the Initializer; and to initialize thresholds in syserr_log at which log copying wakeups are sent.

as_init: Add code to establish the log copying event call channel, and hphcs$copy SYS err_log as the entry called. Store the channel number in the syserr_log header via hphcs$syserr_copy_init.

syserr_log_copy: Create this module to be invoked in the Initializer process by a wakeup from syserr_logger to copy the paged syserr log into the hierarchy.

hphcs_: Add entry "copy_syserr_log" to call syserr_log_copy. Add entry "syserr_copy_init" to call syserr_logger$copy_init.

syserr_log: Add log size copying thresholds to the header.

print_syserr_log: Modify to know about the copy of the syserr log in the hierarchy.

admin_gate_: Add entry "get_audit_flags" to call protection_audit$get_flags, to allow ring 1 programs to get the PDS audit selectivity flags.