FROM THE EDITOR

This is the first issue of a newsletter sent to users and other interested parties about the programming language PASCAL. Its purpose is to keep the PASCAL community informed about the efforts of individuals to implement PASCAL on different computers and to report extensions made to the language. It will be published at infrequent intervals due to the limited manpower.

Everyone is encouraged to report to the editor any item of interest to the community. There are many examples given below. Of particular interest are reports of successful implementations on other computers that the author is willing to distribute and modifications to the CDC version to surmount problems or add features. Also, programs written in PASCAL are of interest. However, a plethora of incompatible dialects of PASCAL must be avoided.

The University of Colorado, thru the editor, is willing to support the distribution of PASCAL programs and documents subject to the limitations of its hardware. This is a CDC site with seven track industry compatible NRZI tape drives. To help defray our costs, there is a charge of 5¢ per page for documents, $5 for copying and postage for a magnetic tape from a user and $15 if the University supplies the tape (a mini reel). Send to:

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CURRENT PASCAL COMPILER

The current compiler is dated December 15, 1972, and now incorporates a correction written November 15, 1973. It is available on a 556 bpi SCOPE 3.2 internal binary tape. All CDC 6000 sites should be able to read the tape under any standard CDC operating system. Other tape formats can be arranged on request.

There are six files on the tape. The first two are the source and binary of PASCAL as distributed by Dr. Wirth, of Switzerland, the author of the language. The next two files are the University of Colorado version of the source and binary of PASCAL. The changes are confined to: 1) adapting PASCAL to KRONOS 2.0, 2) deleting the frequency count feature, and 3) providing alphabetic alternatives to some special characters for terminal users. The source file is an UPDATE version 1.2 sequential OLDPL of the 72/12/15 release with the 73/11/15 correction applied as a modification.
All PASCAL users are urged to use this as a base from which to modify the compiler. The fifth file is a PASCAL Manual adapted from the one written by Wilhelm Burger at the University of Texas at Austin. The last file is the text of the modsets incorporated in the OLDPL.

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This version of the compiler does not implement class variables as described in the Revised Report. The following description of them comes from the original PASCAL report.

6.2.5 Class types

A class type definition specifies a structure consisting of a class of components, all of the same type. The number of components is variable; the initial number upon declaration of a variable of class type is zero. Components are created (allocated) during execution of the program through the standard procedure new. The maximum number of components which can thus be created, however, is specified in the type of definition.

<class type> ::= class <maxnum> of <type>
<maxnum> ::= <integer>
6.2.6 Pointer types

A pointer type is associated with every variable of class type. Its values are the potential pointers to the components of that class variable (cf. 7.5) and the pointer constant nil designating no component. A pointer type is said to be bound to its class variable.

\[
\langle\text{pointer type}\rangle ::= \uparrow\langle\text{class variable}\rangle
\]

\[
\langle\text{class variable}\rangle ::= \langle\text{variable}\rangle
\]

7.2.4 Referenced components

Components of class variable are referenced by pointers.

\[
\langle\text{referenced component}\rangle ::= \langle\text{pointer variable}\rangle^+ \uparrow
\]

\[
\langle\text{pointer variable}\rangle ::= \langle\text{variable}\rangle
\]

Thus, if \(p1\) is a pointer variable which is bound to be class variable \(v\), \(p1\) denotes that variable and its pointer value, whereas \(p1^+\) denotes the component of \(v\) referenced by \(p1\).

Examples:

\(p1^+.\) father

\(p1^+.\) elder sibling\(^+\). youngest child

10.1.2 Class component allocation procedure

\(\text{new}(p)\) allocates a new component in the class to which the pointer variable \(p\) is bound, and assigns the pointer designating the new component to \(p\). If the component type is a record type with variants, the form

\(\text{new}(p,t)\) can be used to allocate a component of the variant whose tag field value is \(t\). However, this allocation does not imply an assignment to the tag field. If the class is already completely allocated, the value nil will be assigned to \(p\).

An error in code generation was recently found and corrected as shown below. It occurred when an integer variable \(I\) and a real variable \(X\) are used in expressions like \(I+1+X\).

Procedure SIMPLEEXP before fix:

```
PROCEDURE SIMPLEEXP ;
VAR LATTR : ATTR ; LADOPCL : SHRTINT ; LFB,BT1,BT2 : BOOLEAN ;
BEGIN LFG := FALSE ;
  IF NO = 7 THEN \{ADDOP\}
  BEGIN IF CL = 2 THEN LFG := TRUE ELSE IF CL = 3 THEN ERROR(51) ;
      INSYMBOL ;
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TERM;

IF LFG>(NO = 7) THEN
BEGIN WITH LATTR DO
BEGIN TYPTR := GATTR.TYPTR; KIND := LVAL; CTERM := 0;
IF TYPTR ≠ NIL THEN
BEGIN TRANSFER(GATTR,RP);
IF LFG THEN
BEGIN GEN15(13B,0,0,0);
IF (TYPTR.FORM = NUMERIC)(TYPTR = REALPTR) THEN
GEN15(37B,RP,0,RP) ELSE ERROR(50)
END
END
END;

WHILE NO = 7 DO
BEGIN LADOPCL := CL; INSYMBOL; TERM;
IF (LATR.TYPTR ≠ NIL)(GATTR.TYPTR ≠ NIL) THEN

Procedure SIMPLEEXP after fix:

PROCEDURE SIMPLEEXP ;
VAR LATTR : ATTR; LADOPCL : SHRTINT; LFG, BT1, BT2 : BOOLEAN;
BEGIN LFG := FALSE;
IF NO = 7 THEN (ADDOP)
BEGIN IF CL = 2 THEN LFG := TRUE ELSE IF CL = 3 THEN ERROR(51)
INSYMBOL;
END;
TERM;
IF LFG>(NO = 7) THEN
BEGIN WITH LATTR DO
BEGIN TYPTR := GATTR.TYPTR; KIND := LVAL; CTERM := 0;
IF TYPTR ≠ NIL THEN
BEGIN TRANSFER(GATTR,RP);
IF LFG THEN
BEGIN GEN15(13B0,0,0);
IF (TYPTR.FORM = NUMERIC)(TYPTR = REALPTR) THEN
GEN15(37B,RP,0,RP) ELSE ERROR(50)
END
END
END;
WHILE NO = 7 DO
BEGIN LADOPCL := CL;
IF LATTR.KIND = LVAL THEN
IF LATTR.CTERM ≠ 0 THEN
BEGIN GEN50(71B,0,0,LATTR.CTERM); GEN15(36B,RP,RP,0);
LATTR.CTERM := 0
END;
INSYMBOL; TERM;
IF (LATR.TYPTR ≠ NIL)(GATTR.TYPTR ≠ NIL) THEN
COST OF THE PASCAL PACKAGE

There is a charge of $30 the first time a PASCAL tape and documentation package is sent. Deduct $10 if a tape is supplied and deduct $10 if you have previously received PASCAL from us.

FORTHCOMING VERSIONS OF THE COMPILER

An entirely new compiler called PASCAL 2 is under development. It implements the language PASCAL as defined in the Revised Report (Nr. 5) with a few extensions (see below). It is implemented for the operating system SCOPE 3.4 and will be available in two versions:

1) For the CDC scientific 64-character set, and
2) For the ASCII 64-character set (with CDC's ordering).

This implies that no explicit line control characters (col) are available; instead, ends of lines in textfiles are generated and recognized by additional standard procedures and functions. This, unfortunately, requires changes in most existing programs - although they may be clerical only. Hence, the distinct name PASCAL 2 was chosen.

The (other) principal new characteristics of the compiler are:

1) It generates relocatable binary object code which can be loaded by the standard CDC loader.

2) It allows procedures (and functions) to be separately compiled and merged at load-time.

3) It provides a facility to use subroutines written in other languages. In these cases, the standard FTN calling sequence will be generated.

4) It introduces packed arrays. They can be treated like regular arrays, but will be allocated with as many components as possible packed into each word. Accordingly, access to individual elements will be slower.

5) It introduces so-called segmented files; each segment corresponds to a logical record (in CDC terminology).

6) External files may be passed to the program as parameters in a program heading.

We hope to be able to release the new compiler by May, 1974 along with a User Manual.

The PASCAL-P system is a compiler which generates code (so-called P-code) for a simple, hypothetical stack computer. This computer is described in the form of a PASCAL program as a loader and interpreter of P-code.
The PASCAL-P system was developed in order to simplify the implementation of PASCAL on other machines. The method to proceed is in general (i.e., without access to a CDC 6000 computer) the following:

1) Program the loader interpreter in any (probably assembly) language for the target machine M. PASCAL-programs can now be executed interpretively on M, since the PASCAL-P compiler is available in P-code.

2) Rewrite the PASCAL-P compiler by replacing the P-code generators by routines generating code for machine M.

3) Interpretive compilation of the modified compiler then yields a compiler in P-code which generates M-code.

4) Recompilation of the modified compiler by itself then results in a PASCAL compiler in the form of M-code and generating M-code.

The PASCAL-P system is available under the same conditions as the CDC compiler. It is delivered in source form (a PASCAL program) and in P-code form (coded as a string of characters).

Note: We recommend that this system be ordered only by people seriously considering to implement PASCAL on their computer.

OTHER PASCAL COMPILERS

Mr. Wilhelm Burger at the University of Texas at Austin has made extensive modifications to PASCAL and has written a manual that is available in machine readable form. The University of Colorado has adapted this manual so that it corresponds to the version we release. Mr. Burger's PASCAL incorporates the following extensions. It allows external procedures, segmentation of programs into overlays which can be called sequentially, and partial compilation of declarations and procedures to allow them to be used later. Compiler options can be set on the control card. Several new convenient procedures and functions are defined such as a random number generator, clock, memory dump, and tracing of procedure calls.

A tape of Mr. Burger's PASCAL system can be obtained from the University of Colorado or one can write directly to:

Mr. Wilhelm F. Burger
The University of Texas at Austin
Department of Computer Science
Austin, Texas 78712

An IBM 370 version of PASCAL that runs interpretively at speeds comparable to PL/I for student jobs is available. For further information, write directly to:

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Mail Code 286-80
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California 91109

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MODIFICATIONS TO PASCAL

The University of Colorado has developed and distributes with the PASCAL system the following mods which are of interest to all PASCAL users.

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In addition, a 23 page copy can be made of the following mods from Professor Hellmut Golde at the University of Washington in Seattle, dated November, 1973.

- Incorporate cross reference program
- Abort after too many compilation errors
- Delete frequency count feature
- Implement 64 character set for SCCPE 3.4
- Adapt POSYS to SCOPE 3.4
- Require EOR between program and data on all files
- Yield error on attempt to read past EOF
- Print PASCAL error message on abort
- Accept alphanumeric tokens for special symbols
- Add line numbers to compiler listings
- Scan only 72 columns of source

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Notes Accompanying the PASCAL Tape of December 15, 1972

These notes contain a description of the PASCAL tape of December 15, 1972, and instructions how to use it.

Please observe that the notes entitled "Notes Accompanying the PASCAL Tape of August 11, 1972" are obsolete.

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Contents of the PASCAL Tape of December 15, 1972:

The tape contains four files.
File no. 1 and file no. 3 are identical, and so are file no. 2 and file no. 4.

File no. 1 contains source programs only and consists of the following 6 records:

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<td>POSYS</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>PASCAL Compiler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>five COMPASS library routines</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>FQC (frequency counting PP routine)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>FQCOU (outputs program profiles)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>PMD (post-mortem dump routine)</td>
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File no. 2 contains the binary PASCAL system and consists of the following 12 records:

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<td>Compiler</td>
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<td>Library functions</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Header of FQCOU</td>
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<td>FQCOU</td>
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<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Error messages</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>PMD</td>
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How to use the tape

The following pseudo control cards suggest a way to catalog, assemble and compile the various programs:

JOSCARD: CM47000. TIME = 130 SEC. 1 TAPE UNIT.
RFL(10000)
REQUEST(TAPE,HI) PASCAL TAPE OF DEC. 15, 1972.
COMMENT.
COMMENT.1) CATALOG TAPE INFORMATION.
COMMENT.---------------------
ASSIGN PF DEVICES TO THE FOLLOWING FILES:
   POSYS,SRCOMP,PASCAL,FCC,FQCOUT,PMD,PASCAL.
COPYER(TAPE,POSYS)
CATALOG(POSYS,PASCAL DEC1972,CY=10)
COPYER(TAPE,SRCOMP)
CATALOG(SRCOMP,PASCAL DEC1972,CY=20)
COPYER(TAPE,PASCAL)
CATALOG(PASCAL,PASCAL DEC1972,CY=30)
COPYER(TAPE,FQC)
CATALOG(FQC,PASCAL,FREQCOUNT DEC1972,CY=10)
COPYER(TAPE,FQCOUT)
CATALOG(FQCOUT,PASCAL,FREQCOUNT DEC1972,CY=20)
COPYER(TAPE,PMD)
CATALOG(PMD,PASCAL DEC1972,CY=50)
COPYER(TAPE,PASCAL)
CATALOG(PASCAL,PASCAL FREQCOUNT DEC1972, "READ-ONLY")
RETURN(TAPE).
COMMENT.
COMMENT.2) ASSFMFL. COMPTFL.
COMMENT.---------------------
REWIND(POSYS,SRCOMP,PASCAL,FQC,FQCOUT,PMD)
RFL(47000)
COMPASS(I=POSYS,R=0)
PASCAL(P=SRCOMP,OPT=NOGO)
COMPASS(I=PASCAL3,B=0)
COMPASS(I=FQC,S=SCPTEX)
PASCAL (P=FQCOUT,OPT=NOGO)
COMPASS(I=PMD,R=0)
In order to install the frequency counting facility, execute the following steps:

- Read the next four pages.

- Make the necessary changes to FQC according to the demands of your operating system.

- Add the assembled version of your FQC to your system library.
4. Frequency Counting

The PASCAL system in its ETH implementation offers a facility which exposes to the user how much time (in percents of the total time used) each line of his program consumed during execution.

The frequency counting mechanism consists of four routines: FQC, CPFQC1, CPFQC2, and FQcout.

FQC is a PP program which procedure GO calls immediately before activating the user program. FQC works with an array of at most 1600 counters. Approximately every 34 μsec FQC increments by 1 the counter indexed by the P register's current value, until it is recalled by GO. Then the contents of the counters are dumped into central memory.

CPFQC1 sets up a table of parameters for FQC. This table is called FQCDAT and has the following format:

```
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<th>24</th>
<th>17</th>
<th>1</th>
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<td>n</td>
<td>fcl</td>
<td>fcu</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>da</td>
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X = 0 for call of FQC, X = 1 for recall of FQC
n = \log_2(\text{block length})
fcl = lower bounding address of supervised code area
fcu = upper bounding address of supervised code area
da = dump address = address from which on FQC is to dump the counter values.
CPFQC1 increases the specified FCU parameter (or its default value), yielding fcu, such that the following relation holds:

\[(fcu - fcl) = m \times 2^n & m \leq 1600_{10},\]

where \(n\) is the smallest integer that satisfies the relation.

FQC is called by setting \([RA+1]\) to

\[
\begin{array}{c|c|c}
41 & 0 & 17 \\
FQC & & FQCDAT
\end{array}
\]

CPFQC2 is called after the recall of FQC. Its only function is to load and execute and pass parameters to FQCOUOUT.

FQCOUOUT, finally, is a kept PASCAL program that outputs the dumped counter values. Its main program variables have been initialized by FQC and CPFQC2 before it is loaded. If \(OPT=FC*\) was specified, FQCOUOUT takes as input the listing of the user program which the compiler wrote on the file FQCFILE, and outputs the profile of the program.
4.1. **FQC - The Frequency counting PP Program**

(by W. Bächli, Fachgruppe Computer-Wissenschaften, Eidg. Technische Hochschule, Clausiusstr. 55, CH-8006 Zürich)

FQC consists of four parts. The first one is used to prevent more than one copy of FQC being active at any time. The second part checks the parameters obtained from the calling CP program and starts the third part, which contains the 34 $\mu$sec main loop. When FQC is recalled, control is given to the fourth part which dumps the counter values to the designated central memory area.

The parameters supplied are used as follows:

\[
\text{blocksize} = 2^n
\]

length of supervised central memory area,

\[
\text{length} = ((\text{fcu} - \text{fcl})/\text{blocksize}) \times \text{blocksize}
\]

To each CP program block a 24-bit counter in the PP memory is assigned. They are arranged in two arrays for convenient indexing. When FQC in its main loop has read the CPU's P-register the index to the appropriate counter is

\[
(P - (\text{fcu} - \text{length}))/\text{blocksize}
\]

provided that it is greater than zero and $(P - \text{fcu})$ is negative. Otherwise, the index value -1 is used. Thus the time spent outside the given limits is recorded in the first counter.

Now we go through the four parts of FQC in detail. First, when FQC is entered, a test is made whether FQC is already used by another job. This is done by inspecting byte C.FQCLCK of word T.FQCLCK in CMR using channel CHLOCK as interlock. A non-zero value indicates another FQC already being active. To prevent PP saturation, the request is not honoured in that case, and FQC puts itself into the PP delay queue with a delay of 5 sec., and drops. Otherwise, the interlock flag is set and the second part acquires control.
It starts with fetching the parameters and checking them. If any error occurs, a simple error routine is called which puts into the dayfile the FQC program address where the error was found. Some shift instructions are then set up for division by and multiplication with the blocksize. The counters are initialized to zero, the completion bit is set and CP program execution is requested to resume by the monitor function RCLCP.

Then the main loop starts with testing whether CPU-A or CPU-B is active at the control point by inspection of the CPU status word at T.CPT1 of CMR. Depending on which CPU is active the appropriate RPN instruction is executed to get the P register's value, thus giving the index to the counter which has to be incremented. If neither CPU is active at the control point, several checks have to be made to enquire what was happened. The control point status word is read to see whether the error flag is set, in which case FQC drops. The status word also contains the move flag which is tested. If it is set, a pause request is issued and FQC waits until the move flag is clear or the error flag is set. In the latter case, FQC drops. The parameter address must be updated. Finally, the status word is inspected to see if the CP program has requested to dump the counters (X = 1), so that the fourth part should be executed. If none of the above conditions exist, the main loop is restarted.

Before dumping the counters into central memory, the fourth part checks if the dump area lies within the user's field length. The counters are then expanded to the 60 bit central memory word size and transferred to the array whose address has been given by da. The completion bit is set and FQC drops after having cleared the interlock byte giving another FQC a chance of running.
A Note to Users of the PASCAL Language

Efforts to implement PASCAL on various computers have lately been initiated at several places. It is my conviction that the utmost should be done to achieve full compatibility among the different systems. An axiomatic definition of the language together with a set of recommendations for implementation standards has therefore been established and is due to appear shortly:


The axiomatic definition method as well as past experience with PASCAL showed that certain details of the language should be revised. In view of the growing number of implementations it became highly desirable to define these revisions at this time. The result is the accompanying Revised Report. The main changes are summarised informally below.

Along with the decision to define a revised PASCAL language went the decision to write a completely new compiler, although the small changes themselves would not have required such a procedure. This new compiler will be designed in a functionally structured fashion, and it should be particularly well suited for adaptation by bootstrapping to different computers. This new compiler, however, will not be available for some time, partly because also other changes will be implemented, such as the generation of binary, relocatable object code and the facility of part compilation.

In order to make Revised PASCAL widely available as soon as possible and to facilitate the gradual adaptation of already existing programs, a new version of the existing compiler was prepared (Version 15.12.71). To keep our efforts for this "temporary tool" reasonably small, however, the change concerning class variables (No. 4 below) is not incorporated, and in this respect the compiler still follows the specifications of the original report.

The Revised Report does not contain any specifications about how to access the compiler. It was felt that this information should be provided by individual installations in accordance with their operating systems.
Summary of changes of the language

(cf. also "Preface to the Revised Report")

1. Procedure parameters

"Constant parameters" are replaced by "value parameters" (in the sense of ALGOL 60). A value parameter denotes a local variable to which the value of the corresponding actual parameter is assigned upon initiation of the procedure. This implies that assignments to value parameters are allowed. It should be noted that this concept requires that a local copy of the value of the parameter is made. A change of existing programs is necessary in the following three cases:

- If the formal parameter is specified by the symbol const, then this symbol must be removed.
- If an assignment to a constant parameter is made, then this is against the rules of the language; however, such illegal assignments were not detected by the old compiler in the case of structured parameters (arrays etc.), and as a consequence do occur in existing programs. Such assignments are legal in the new language, but are made to the local variable representing the parameter; this may not necessarily correspond to the intensions of the programmer.
- In ambiguous constructions such as

  procedure P(var i: integer; r: real)

  r was considered as a variable parameter, but is taken to be a value parameter in the new language: the symbol var has effect only up to the next semicolon. All parameters not preceded by a specificator are considered to be value parameters.

2. Files

In order that the buffer variable f of a file f and the standard function eof(f) have always a defined value when a file is read, an implicit assignment of the first element of the file f to the buffer variable f is performed (by an implicit call of get(f)) in the following cases:

- at the start of the program for the standard file input,
- at the start of the program for every file specified by [in],
- after every call of the standard procedure reset(f).

If a file is to be rewound for rewriting, then the calls to reset must be replaced by calls of the new standard procedure rewrite. The further changes necessary in existing programs essentially consist of the removal of the first get(f) (or read(ch)) statement.
Example 1:

```plaintext
get(f);
while ¬eof(f) do
  begin S(ft); get(f)
  end
```

Necessary change: remove first line.

Example 2:

```plaintext
read(ch)
while ¬eof(input) do
  begin S(ch); read(ch)
  end
```

must be changed to

```plaintext
while ¬eof(input) do
  begin read(ch); S(ch)
  end
```

Some welcome consequences are:

- eof(f) is always defined. (It is always true when a file is being generated; it is true after resetting an empty file.)
- eof(input) must be false before calling read(x). Note that read(x) now stands for
  ```plaintext
  x := input; get(input)
  ```
- if read(x) is called with x being of type integer or real, then the next call of read(y) - with y of type char - yields a character immediately following the number x (PASCAL 6000).

3. Packed data representation

Packed records and packed arrays are formally introduced to allow for a choice of internal data representation and storage economy. Such packing has no effect on the meaning of a program, and is achieved by insertion of the symbol packed in front of the symbol record or array in the declaration of the variable.

(Note, however, that the present compiler ignores the symbol packed in the case of arrays, and that it is generally recommended that indexed access to components of packed arrays will not be permitted.)

4. The class structure

The class structure is eliminated and pointer variables are directly bound to a type T instead of to a class variable with components of type T. Thus,

```plaintext
  type P = t c;  var c: class n of T
```

is replaced by the declaration

```plaintext
  type P = t T
```
5. **Syntactic changes**

- Constant definitions are separated by semicolons instead of commas. Example:
  ```pascal
  const n = 10; pi = 3.14159;
  ```

- The former powerset structure is now called 'set structure', and the single symbol `powerset` is replaced by the two symbols `set of`.

- Labels in case statements (and variant record declarations) are separated by commas instead of colons. Example:
  ```pascal
  case k of
    1,3,6: A;
    2,4,5: B
  end
  ```

- The standard function `int(ch)` is renamed `ord(ch)` and denotes the ordinal number of the character `ch` in the standard type `char`.

- The standard procedure `alloc(p)` is renamed `new(p)`.

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### Additional changes in PASCAL 6000

**1. The procedures `write` and `text`**

Revised PASCAL introduces the notion of `strings` as constants of types defined as packed arrays of characters. They represent a generalization of the type `alfa` (whose size is a machine dependent entity). Since packed arrays are not implemented in the compiler version of Dec. 72, the type `alfa` is still present as before. However, strings of arbitrary length may occur as parameters to the `write` procedure, and then will be copied onto the standard file output in full length. The procedure `text` therefore becomes superfluous. Example:

```pascal
write(' THIS IS A STRING TO BE PRINTED', x, eol)
```

Note that the identifier `text` now denotes the standard type

```pascal
type text = file of char
```

**2. The standard file `INPUT`**

In order to become compatible with the conventions of CDC's systems, the PASCAL file `INPUT` is defined as the single "logical record" (`SCOPE` terminology) following the program. As a consequence it has become necessary to require an EOR-card between the program and the data cards.

Note: this applies only, if the PASCAL file `INPUT` is also the `SCOPE` file `INPUT` (i.e. if no D-parameter is specified on the PASCAL call card).
Reference to literature

A textbook for an introductory course on programming, based on the PASCAL notation, is due to appear in April 1973:


The German version appeared in 1972 (Teubner-Verlag, Stuttgart)

A set of solution programs to the exercises will probably also be made available.

Moreover, a "PASCAL user's manual" is in preparation.

Distribution of the PASCAL system

The PASCAL system is available for a nominal charge for tape handling, postage, and documentation from

Mr. U. Ammann
Fachgruppe Computer-Wissenschaften
ETH
Clausiusstrasse 55

CH-8006 Zürich (charge Sfr. 75.--)

Dr. L.B. Smith
Computing Center
University of Colorado

Boulder, Colorado 80302

USA (charge $ 20.--)

(Only minitapes (≤ 600 ft) should be sent to avoid customs handling fees.)
Compiler-Control Instructions in PASCAL 6000

Instructions controlling various modes of compilation may be inserted in the form of comments at any place in the program. Any comment is recognised as such an instruction, if the character immediately following the opening brace is a $ symbol.

\{\$<instr-1>,<instr-2>...<instr-n> <comment>\}

Each instruction consists of a command letter followed by a + sign activating the corresponding mode, or a - sign deactivating the mode. The available command letters and modes are:

- **A** for each assignment to a subrange variable, compile instructions which check (at run-time) whether the value assigned lies within the specified subrange.
- **X** for each array variable, compile instructions which check (at run-time) whether the indicated index lies within the specified array bounds.
- **D** for each division, check whether the divisor is different from zero.
- **C** at the end of each procedure or function declaration, print the generated code.
- **R** use rounding floating-point instructions (RX instead of FX).

The default values for these options are:

\{\$A+,X+,D+,C-,R+\}
CU Modifications

*IDENT POSYS  GMR  73/01/30
*/
***
*DECK POSYS
*D181,182
ABIREQ VFD  60/3LALT  ABCPT REQUEST
CPMREQ VFD  24/4LCPMM,12/4.24/ERRRTN ERROR RETURN ADDRESS

* OUTPUT  FET POINT (MOVED TO RA+2):
OUTFPTR VFD  42/6OUTPUT,18/CUTFET
*I,292
SX2  3
LA2  24
BA6  X2+X6  ADD MESSAGE TO .FOR DAYFILE ONLY FLAG

*I,764
SA1  OUTFPTR  MOVF OUTPUT FET POINTER
BA6  X1
SA6  B1+R1  TO RA+2
SA1  OUTFET
SA6  4
BA6  X1+X6
SA6  A1

*D,2354,2355
* SET ERROR EXIT ADDRESS:
SA1  CPMREQ

*I,2359
SA4  64B
MA6  0
SA6  X4+2
MA4  42

*I,2364
BAO  X0*X4

*D,2597
POS2.L2  SA6  142B OPEN/RE-IND FOR READ
*D,2793,2797
*I,2799
ERRRTN  BSS  0

*D,2801,2803
SA5  80
MA1  54
LA5  36
BA1  -X1*X5
SA1  X1-2
LA5  54
SA5  X5  EXTRACT ADDRESS OF MODE ERROR

*D,2852
*D,2854,2856
*D,2858,2862
*EXIT POSYS
#IDENT POSYS2
#
#DECK POSYS
#D,167,198
#D,180
#D,217,220
#D,236
#D,382,405
#D,590,746
#D,751,792

* UPON ENTRY, A3 = VALUE TO STORE AT EXECFLAG.
#D,754
#D,791,804
#D,812
#D,814,826
#D,2498,2510
PUSH1.L7 287
#D,2504,2565
PUSH1.L16 KJ  GO
#D,2593
#D,2712,2713

* EXECUTE THE LOADED PROGRAM:
#D,2719,2764
PUSH3.L16 SP3  B1+R1 FOR [EXECFLAG]
KJ 60
#D,2893
NZ X1,ARN,FX3
#D,2902,2908
#EDIT POSYS
IDENT POSYS3 GHR 73/02/06
/* ***  ABORT JOB ON SYNTACTICAL ERRORS.
*DECK POSYS
*D,2582,2583
* IF SYNTACTICAL ERRORS WERE FOUND, PRINT ERROR MESSAGES
* AND ABORT JOB:
*D,2594 EQ ABN,EX
*EDIT POSYS

GHR 73/02/06
PRINT PMD ERROR MESSAGE ON OUTPUT AS WELL AS DAYFILE.
SEE ALSO PMD1.

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SET ERROR MESSAGE ADDRESS

SAVE MSG

SAVE ERROR MESSAGE ADDRESS
IF (GATTR.TYPR FORM = NUMERIC) ∧
   (LFP^VTYPE = REALPTR)
THEN
   ELSE JUMPTO(PUTB);  
IF (GATTR.TYPR FORM = NUMERIC) ∧
   (GATTR.TYPR ≠ INTPTR)
ELSE JUMPTO(PUTB);  
IF CTPR^FORM IN [CLASSS.FILES]
THEN ERROR(74);
*IDENT PASCALZ  GHR  73/01/30
*/
** ADD ALPHABETIC TOKENS EQUIVALENT TO SPECIAL SYMBOLS.**
*DECK     PASCAL  *
*D.249,250
    WD : ARRAY [0..4] OF ALFA;
    WNU, WCL : ARRAY [0..4] OF SHRINT;  
*D.250,291
    WD = ('ELF','END','TO','EORE','EINE','ORE','ELT','ELE','EE','EGTE','EENE','EEQ',
     'ENDE','ENIL','EFOR','EDIVE','EMODE','EVAR','ESET','EAND','ENOTE',
*D.287,288
    WNU = (23,31,33,7,1,7,6,8,  
     22,36,32,6,6,43,38,6,5,  
*D.293,294
    WCL = (0,0,1,0,7,3,1,2,3,4,5,6,  
     0,0,0,4,5,0,5,3,1);  
*D.299
    WL = (0,0,0,12,21,28,36,40,40,41,42,42);  
*EDIT  PASCAL
*IDENT MD1
* /
* /
*DECK PD
*1,9
* 
*1,11
*1,122
*1,205
*EDIT PMU

7/3/82/46
PRINT PMD ERROR MESSAGE ON OUTPUT AS WELL AS DAYFILE.
SEE ALSO POSYS4.

A4 = ADDRESS OF ERROR MESSAGE SENT TO DAYFILE.
SA7 X4
SA7 SAVEMSG
SAVE ERROR MESSAGE ADDRESS
SA1 SAVEMSG
ZA1 A1, NO
IF NO MESSAGE
SA1 1K
SA2 1
CALL CHAR
SA1 SAVEMSG
CALL TEXT
LINE
BSS 0
SEND MESSAGE
NEW LINE
NO
BSS 1
SAVE MSG
Distribution includes a magnetic tape containing the latest system (as released from ETH in Zürich) and a package of documentation which includes those items shown in the following list.

Distribution costs to any point in North America are:

$30.00 for the complete package including a new magnetic tape  
$20.00 for documentation package and writing on a supplied tape  
$20.00 for the complete package and tape to previous recipients  
$10.00 for documentation and writing on tape for previous recipients

The distribution costs may be paid by sending a check (payable to the University of Colorado) to the above contact or by having an invoice sent to the requestor.

Documentation (tape of December 15, 1972) includes:

- The PASCAL Distribution Tape (1 p.)
- Notes Accompanying the PASCAL Tape of December 15, 1972 (8 pp.)
- A note to Users of the PASCAL Language (6 pp.)
- CU Modifications (7 pp.)
- Planned Changes to the Programming Language PASCAL (7 pp.)
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- The PASCAL Operating System POSYS (Obsolete) (20 pp.)
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- Run-Time Check Options (1 p.)
- How to Use the PASCAL 6000 System (3 pp.)
- The Standard Procedure WRITE followed by Post-Mortem Dump (PMD) (4 pp.)
- "The Programming Language PASCAL (Revised Report)" by Niklaus Wirth (53 pp.)
- "An Axiomatic Definition of the Programming Language PASCAL" by C.A.R. Hoare and N. Wirth (32 pp.)
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