

NOTAT

TIL : DIVISION LEADERS  
FRA : BL, TEP  
DATO : 14/6-71  
SAK : Time-sharing System

We suggest that there be made a Time-sharing system for the NORD-1 computer (NORD-1-TSS).

The purpose of a TSS would be to use the machine(s) at the data center in a more efficient way in the testing and debugging phases of programs by letting a number of people use a machine simultaneously. We believe that a TSS could also be of value for other NORD-1 users.

The TSS would be implemented in two phases. The first would be a simple TSS, which could be ready in a short time. In the next phase, the first version of TSS would be expanded to a more powerful system.

#### Implementation

The TSS would consist of 3 parts:

- 1) The time-sharing part
- 2) A file system to manipulate files
- 3) A monitor program (lets the user operate the computer from the teletype).  
The monitor would execute commands for file manipulation, execution control, compiling, debugging aids, and utilities.

The time-sharing part could be taken from the multi-programming system developed at SI. This would require hardware paging on the NORD-1. The time-sharing part of the SI-system is working already, and could be used almost immediately, perhaps with some small improvements.

A simple time-sharing system where only one user is in core at a time is another alternative. The advantage of such a system is that it is simple and requires no new hardware.

A time estimate for either of these systems is 1 1/2 months. This assumes that TEP and BL would be working on it full time and that the hardware would be perfect.

The file system could be made from specifications held by BL. He has participated in the implementation of such a file system before.

It is possible to use the NORD-OPS file system. However, it is believed that it would take longer to integrate that file system into the time-sharing system than to implement BL's file system.

Below follows a description of a possible set of executive commands.

LOAD            loads a binary program from paper tape or a file and starts execution.

LOGOUT        releases the process associated with that teletype

(RUBOUT)      connect the TTY to the time-sharing system (i. e. , log on)

RESET         clear the virtual machine

PLACE         like load except that the program is not started

GOTO          starts execution at the specified address

(RUBOUT)      pressing rubout while a program is running stops the program and returns to command mode

COPY          copy one file to another

LISTFILES     lists the files for a user

DELETEFILE   delete a specified file

EXAMINEFILE   examine a specified file

DUMP          dumps the current core on a file

RECOVER       recover a dump file

If we used the Si paging system and wanted 3 users, every user would have 4K (say) on a 16K machine with a 4K system. Recent experiments at SI have indicated that a user should have 4K (16 pages) in order to run the assembler efficiently.

In the simple swapping system, if each user gets 12K of core, the amount of time to swap one user out and another in is about 1/2 second. If one allows 1/2 second compute time for each user every 4 seconds then we can run 4 users. In other words it would take one second for each time a user is run.

## hardware

four weeks. The two models can also be leased. TEKTRONIX, INC., Beaverton, Ore.

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### High-speed Discs

Some members in this series of head-per-track disc units have 2.1-msec access times, easily qualifying them for applications requiring faster-than-average response times. An interface for Data General users is available now, with a DEC PDP-11 model in development. Capacities for the units range from 1-16 megabits. Reading is by non-contact recording heads mounted at three points around the disc for 2.1-msec access, at opposite sides for 4.2-msec, and at one point for 8.4-msec access, based on 3600-rpm rotation. The transfer rate is 4 megabits/second per track. Two representative models in the line-up are a 256K 16-bit word model with 4.2-msec access, priced at \$5K, and a 512K 16-bit unit with 2.1-msec performance priced at \$10K. Delivery is approximately 10 weeks. ALPHA DATA, INC., Canoga Park, Calif.

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### Serial Printer

Centronics has added another serial printer to its product lineup. This unit, the model 500, prints a full 132 columns at 100 cps, or 40 full lines per minute, based on a 64-character ASCII set. All logic and control functions for the 500 are contained on a single LSI circuit board which might make for impressive reliability (or at least easy maintenance). Characters generated are 5 x 7 dot-matrix images.

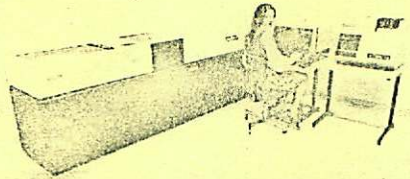
Standard features include parallel data input at up to 75,000 cps, elongated boldface characters, paper run-away inhibit (10 second time-out), automatic line feed on carriage return, and printing of up to five-part tractor-fed paper. Options include an RS232 interface (100-9600 baud), vertical format control, an expanded character set, foreign character sets, and interfaces for a number of popular mini-computers. The 500 is priced at \$2,600 and is available in 2-3 months depending on quantity. CENTRONICS DATA COMPUTER CORP., Hudson, N.H.

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### Commo-oriented System

Another version of the highly-successful System 10 computer has been announced with enhanced communications capability that should be considered by larger corporations for use in a

distributed computing network, or even by small businesses for their sole computer—the communications features provide a way to work with other computers in times of peak load. The model 101 is expandable from 10-30K of 3.3-usec core, and can have up to five I/O controllers for use with a variety of peripherals. A synchronous communications adapter permits data transmission to remote computers at 40.8 kilobaud rates, while operator-oriented ASCII-code terminals can talk to the 101 conversationally at rates up to 9600 baud. The same applications



program library offered with the larger System 10 works on this one, and up to five jobs can be executed simultaneously.

A card-oriented remote job entry terminal system including a 10K processor, card reader, crt, and line printer is priced at \$40,360. A disc-oriented remote terminal processor system with 20K, a disc drive, crt, and line printer is priced at \$61,285. Systems may also be rented. SINGER BUSINESS MACHINES, San Leandro, Calif.

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### S/3 Memory

A firm that has been building products such as disc cartridges for the IBM System/3 has entered the main memory add-on market for that machine with a new twist: the memories use MOSFETS to augment the core on the S/3 models 6 and 10 just like that IBM recently introduced on the System/3 model 15. Several early installations of the product have shown no signs of a "technology conflict" according to the vendor, which also states that the memories are totally transparent to the user in all operations.

The memories are available in 8K increments for expansion of 8K systems up to a maximum of 64K. The first 8K chunk sells for \$5,760 and rents for \$169/month (including maintenance) on a two-year lease. For users who need the whole 56K shot, the figures would be \$47,736 and \$1,012/month, respectively. The memories will be marketed internationally, and domestic servicing for the products has been arranged with Sorbus. A switch is located on the memory that permits IBM service personnel to run diagnostics on the IBM portion of

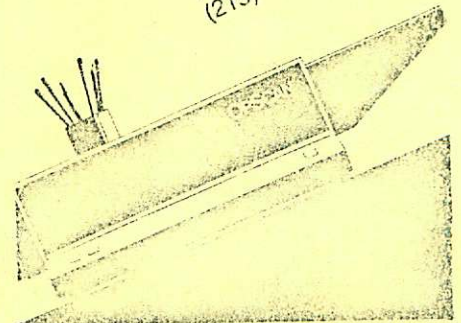
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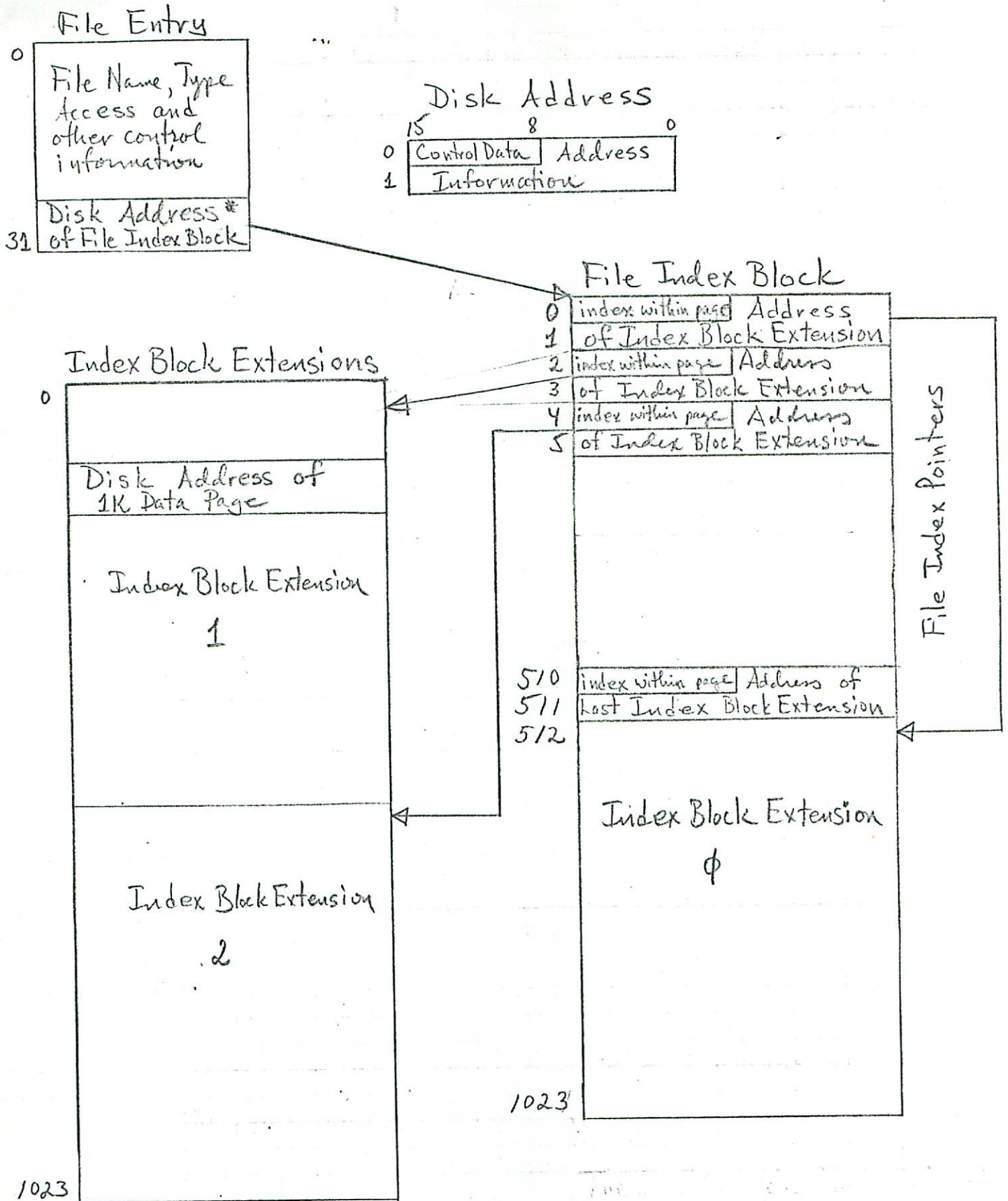
Another computer input problem solved the OpScan way.

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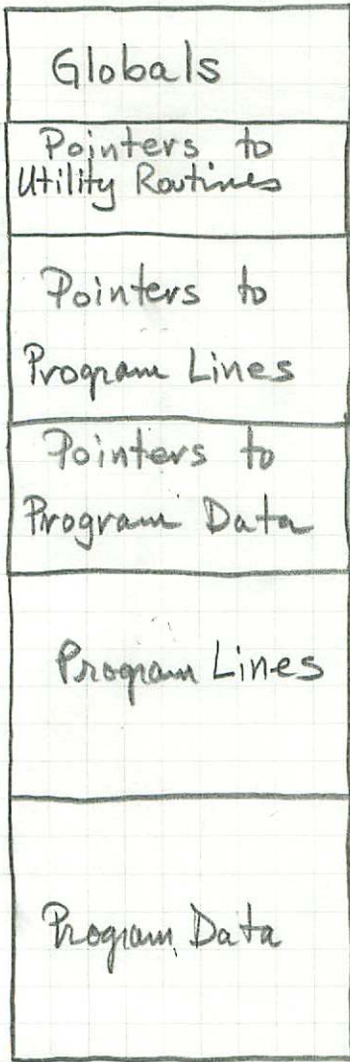


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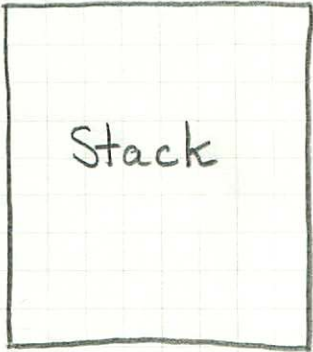
# Structure of a File (Updated 31/8-73)



\* For absolute files (allocated contiguously) the pointer to the File Index Block will instead consist of the disk address of the file itself along with the size of the file.



← B - register



## New Instructions

- { PUSHF Push TAD onto stack
- { PUSH dr Push register onto stack
- { POPF Pop TAD from stack
- { POP dr Pop register from stack
- { READF dr Read TAD from program variable specified by XREG.
- { READ dr Read dr from program variable specified by XREG.
- { WRITF Write TAD into program variable specified by XREG.
- { WRIT dr Write dr into program variable specified by XREG.
- GOTO Goto program line specified by XREG.
- GOSUB Call subroutine specified by XREG.
- ENTER Enter recursive subroutine and allocate the amount of space specified by the next word.

~~LD~~ Load TAD from program variable specified by XREG.

~~LD dr~~ Load dr from program variable specified by XREG.

LOADF	i	Load TAD from local variable i.
LOADT	i	Load T from local variable i.
LOADA	i	Load A from local variable i.
LOADD	i	Load D from local variable i.
LOADX	i	Load X from local variable i.
STORF	i	Store TAD into local variable i.
STORT	i	Store T into local variable i.
STORA	i	Store A into local variable i.
STORD	i	Store D into local variable i.
STORX	i	Store X into local variable i.
INC	i	Increment local variable i.
DEC	i	Decrement local variable i.
RET		Return from recursive subroutine

Proposal for String Instructions

In the following, XREG will contain a string pointer in which bits 15 to 1 specify a word displacement and bit 0 specifies which half of the word (0: left, 1: right).

LDB (XREG, TREG)
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XREG = string pointer
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TREG = beginning of string
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Load Byte

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AREG ← contents (TREG + XREG SHR 1);
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CNT ← (8 IF BIT0(XREG) = 1 ELSE 0);
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AREG ← AREG SHA CNT;
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AREG ← AREG SHA ZIN SHR 8;
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PREG ← PREG + 1;
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RETURN;
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STB (XREG, TREG, AREG)

XREG = string pointer

TREG = beginning of string

AREG = byte

Store Byte

temp1 ← AREG;

temp1 ← temp1 SHL 8;

IF BITφ (XREG) = 1 DO;

temp1 ← temp1 SHL ZIN SHR 8;

temp2 ← 177400;

ELSE DO;

temp2 ← 377;

ENDIF;

temp3 ← contents (TREG + XREG SHR 1);

temp3 ← temp3 AND temp2;

contents (TREG + XREG SHR 1) ← temp1 OR temp3;

PREG ← PREG + 1;

RETURN;

0/1-75 vs reworded  
Proposal for Register Block Move Instruction

READ (XREG, AREG)

XREG = core location

AREG = interrupt level

Register Block Read

Moves to the 9 word register block for the interrupt level specified by AREG to the 9 word core block starting at XREG.

WRITE (XREG, AREG)

XREG = core location

AREG = interrupt level

Register Block Write

Moves the 9 word core block starting at XREG to the 9 word register block for the interrupt level specified by AREG. If AREG specifies the current interrupt level, then XREG will not be changed.

## Proposal for MOVE Instruction

MOVE (TREG, XREG, AREG)

TREG = destination address

XREG = source address

AREG = count

Move Word

IF AREG  $\leq$  0 D0;

L1: PREG  $\leftarrow$  PREG + 2; RETURN;

ENDIF;

contents (TREG)  $\leftarrow$  contents (XREG);

TREG  $\leftarrow$  TREG + 1;

XREG  $\leftarrow$  XREG + 1;

AREG  $\leftarrow$  AREG - 1;

GOTO L1 IF AREG  $\neq$  0;

PREG  $\leftarrow$  PREG + 1;

RETURN;

10 Error Messages

- MS1, 'NO MORE TRACKS AVAILABLE\$ \\_ '
- MS2, 'TOO MANY USERS\$ \\_ '
- MS3, 'USER ALREADY EXISTS\$ \\_ '
- MS4, 'NO SUCH USER\$ \\_ '
- MS5, 'NO MORE ROOM IN UIBS\$ \\_ '
- MS6, 'FILE ALREADY EXISTS\$ \\_ '
- MS7, 'ILLEGAL OBJECT TYPES\$ \\_ '
- 10 MS8, 'NO SUCH FILE\$ \\_ '
- MS9, 'OBJECT INDEX OUT OF RANGE\$ \\_ '
- 12 MS10, 'NO MORE SPACE IN OBT\$ \\_ '
- 13 MS11, 'NO MORE OFT ENTRIES\$ \\_ '
- 14 MS12, 'NO ACCESS\$ \\_ '
- 15 MS13, 'ALREADY OPEN FOR WRITES\$ \\_ '
- 16 MS14, 'BAD FILE NUMBER\$ \\_ '
- 17 MS15, 'NO SUCH TRACK\$ \\_ '
- 20 MS16, 'BAD TRACK NUMBER\$ \\_ '
- MS17, 'TRACK ALREADY EXISTS\$ \\_ '
- 22 MS18, 'NO SUCH PAGE\$ \\_ '
- 23 MS19, 'FATAL ERROR\$ \\_ '
- MS20, 'TRANSFER ERROR\$ \\_ '
- MS21, 'BAD DEVICE TYPE\$ \\_ '
- MS22, 'DISK AREA ALREADY IN USE\$ \\_ '

## Calls to Basic File System

% Create User

% D = device ID

% X = pointer to user name

% Return A

% A = user number

% Failure Return A

✓ % Get User Number

% D = device ID

% X = pointer to user name

% Return A

% A = user number

% Failure Return A

✓ % Create File

% A = device ID

% X = pointer to file ID

(user no, Name, Ed, Type, Password, Object Type,

Log Blks, Date.) = Full ID

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Open File

% A = device ID

% X = pointer to file ID

(user no, Name, Edition) = Short ID

% T = read-only flag

% Return A

% A = file number

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Close File

% T = file number

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Create Track

% T = file number

% A = track number

% X = number of tracks + type of allocation (upper 2 bits)

type of allocation: 0 ⇒ cylinder

1 ⇒ dynamic

3 ⇒ absolute

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Delete Track

% T = file number

% A = track no.

% X = number of tracks

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Delete File

% A = device ID

% X = pointer to file ID (short)

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Get Next Track

% T = file number

% A = track number

% Return A

% A = next track or -1 if no more

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Read Entry .

% D = device ID

% X = pointer to file ID (short)

% T = pointer to array

% A = number of words (all if negative)

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Read Object .

% D = device ID

% X = index of object

% T = pointer to array (first word must contain user number)

% A = number of words (all if negative)

% Return

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Test if open routine

% A = device ID

% X = pointer to file ID (short)

% Return A if open

% A = file number

% Failure Return A

## ✓ % Change Name .

% X = pointer to old name (short)

% T = pointer to new name (medium)

(Name, Ed., Type, Password)

% A = device ID

% Return

% Failure Return A



✓ % Set File Access .

% A = device ID

% X = pointer to file ID (short)

% T = access word

% Return

% Failure Return A

✓ % Set UIB Access .

% A = device ID

% X = user number

% T = access word

% Return

% Failure Return A

✓ % Read OFT entry (like Read Entry)

% T = file number

% A = number of words

% X = pointer to array

% Return

% Failure Return A

✓ % Set Length

% T = file number

% AD = length

% Return

% Failure Return A

✓ % Read Length

% T = file number

% Return AD

% AD = length

% Failure Return A

✓ % Read MIB label

% T = device ID

% A = number of words

% X = pointer to array

% Return

✓ % Write MIB Label

% T = device ID

% A = number of words

% X = pointer to array

% Return

✓ % Check if pack in use

% T = device ID

% Return if not in use

% Failure Return if in use

### ✓ % Read Page

% T = file number

% D =  $\phi$   $\Rightarrow$  wait

% A = page no.

% X = core address

% Return

% Failure Return A

### ✓ % Write Page

% T = file number

% D =  $\phi$   $\Rightarrow$  wait

% A = page no.

% X = core address

% Return

% Failure Return A

### ✓ % Read Block Size

% T = file number

% Return A

% A = block size

% Failure Return A

# FULL ID

0	user number
1	
	Name
10	
11	Edition
12	
13	Type
14	
15	Password
16	
17	Object Type
20	Logical Block Size
21	Date
22	

## SHORT ID

φ	user number
1	
	Name
10	
11	Edition
12	

## MEDIUM ID

φ	
	Name
7	
10	Edition
11	
12	Type
13	
14	Password
15	



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# Disk Layout

track

0

Free Area

(e.g. may be used as  
a core image of an  
operating system etc.)

7

8 Master Index Block (2K)

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More Free Space

15

16

Disk Area

for User Index

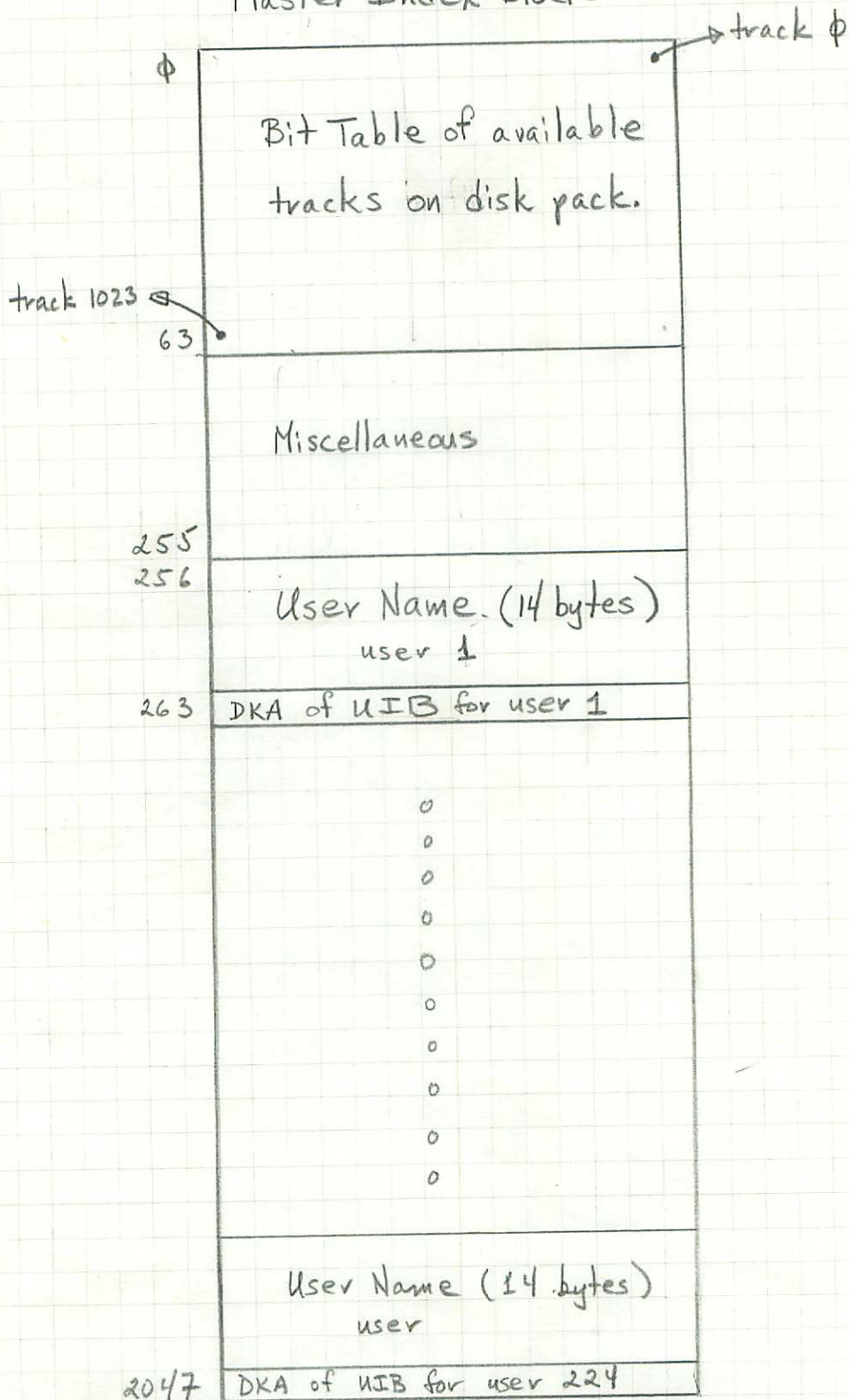
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### Master Index Block





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### User Index Block

φ	Locked if nonzero		Lock on UIB						
1	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Owner</td> <td>Friend</td> <td>Public</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0WR</td> <td>0WR</td> <td>0WR</td> </tr> </table>		Owner	Friend	Public	0WR	0WR	0WR	Access Word
Owner	Friend	Public							
0WR	0WR	0WR							
2	Number of tracks available								
3	Friend 1	Friend 2	} Friend Table						
4	Friend 3	Friend 4							
5	Friend 5	Friend 6							
6	Free Area								
255	Object Entry φ								
256									
287									
2047	Object Entry <del>55</del> 55		37600						

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### Object Entry

Oct	Dec	L	W	Count
0	0			
1	1			
4	4	Name: 16 bytes		
5	5			
10	8			
11	9	Edition: 4 bytes		
12	10	Type: 4 bytes		
13	11			
14	12	Password: 4 bytes		
15	13			
16	14			
17	15	Object Type	Owner Friend Public	
		O W R	O W R	O W R
20	16	Device Type	Device No.	
21	17	DKA of Index Block		
22	18	File Length (in bytes)		
23	19			
24	20	Logical Blocksize		
25	21	Number of times used		
26	22	Number of times accessed		
27	23			
30	24	Year	Month	Day
		Hr.		
31	25	Hr.	Minute	Seconds
32	26	user no.   object index		
33-36	27-30	Miscellaneous		
37	31	Displacement of index block segment		
40	32	Index Block Segment		
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Status Word

L: lock bit

W: write

Count: number of times file is open

Type is not considered to be part of the filename. Nor is Password.

Access Word

Medium

} Date (Year as year-1971)  
This format due to J.E.Aa.

} Only while in core

Word 33g => 0 normally, -1 if absolute file.

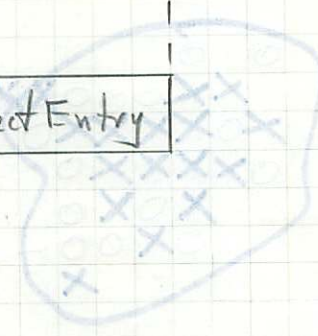


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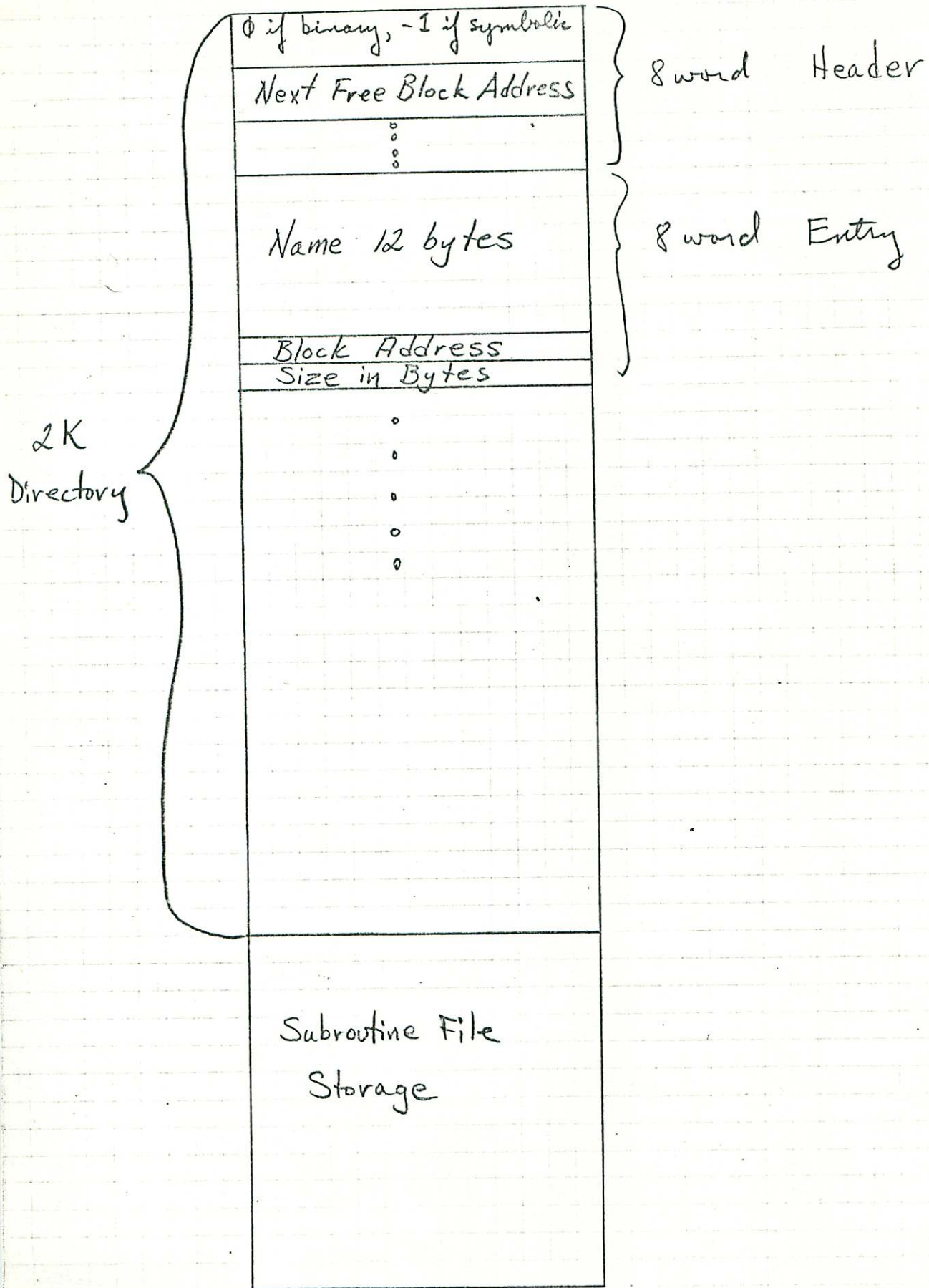
### Open File Table

φ	F	R/w	index of Object Entry
		1 if RO	
⋮			
n	F	R/w	index of Object Entry



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# Subroutine Library File





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## Format of a Message

$\phi$ : type of message ( $\phi$  for personal message, and 1 for broadcast)

1: number of characters in message (nch)

2: Sender

3  $\rightarrow$   $(2 + (nch + 1) / 2)$ : message string

## Format of Message Area on Disk

$\phi$ : (next message)  $\phi$  or -1 if none

1: addressee or -1 if empty

2  $\rightarrow$  1 + size (message): message

Note: Messages are never split up between two sectors; therefore the message string has a maximum length of 502<sub>10</sub> characters.

Also: Broadcast should set a flag preventing output by any user program. There should also be a lock on the MAIL file.



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@ MAILBOX → <all messages are output >

✗ HELP ↵

✗ SEND-MESSAGE ↵

DATE AND TIME: <arbitrary text > ↵

TO: <sup>USER</sup> user name (may be abbreviated) ↵

MESSAGE: ↵

<arbitrary text which may be edited >

<terminated by <L> → DATE AND TIME: → ↵

✗ BROADCAST ↵ (TYPE D or M:) if error

DIRECT OR TO MAILBOX? ↵ MESSAGE: ↵

<arbitrary text which may be edited >

<terminated by <L>

✗ EMPTY-MAILBOX > user-member or -1

✗ FINISH

@

Upon LOGIN, the following message will be output if the user has any mail:

<bells> "\*\*\* YOU HAVE MAIL \*\*\*" <bells>

TSS routines needed:

- 1.) Copy user's mail. (core address)
- 2.) Put message into user n's mailbox. (n, core address)
- 3.) Convert user name to user number. (STR: n)
- 4.) Send message to all active teletypes. (STR)
- 5.) Convert user number to user name (n: STR)



Sak: Proposal for a Simple Timesharing System

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This note consists of a proposal for a simple timesharing system to be used for the purpose of increasing throughput at the data center.

The system would allow 3 or 4 users, each with a 12K address space, to use the machine concurrently. The 12K would range from 10000<sub>8</sub> to 37777<sub>8</sub>. The system would lie in the lower 4K of core.

The swapping algorithm is very simple:

- 1.) Go to 3 if no user currently in core
- 2.) Transfer current user's context block and 12K of core onto mass storage.
- 3.) Transfer next user's context block and 12K from mass storage into core.
- 4.) Start user
- 5.) User running
  - a.) If user's quantum runs out go to 2.
  - b.) If user blocks for I/O or if he quits go to 2.

From the above one sees that swapping and execution cannot proceed simultaneously.



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Following are the commands one may give to the timesharing system:

Q

Quid

✓ RESET

Clears the user's 12K address space.

✓ LOAD

Loads a binary program from paper tape and starts execution of that program.

(RUBOUT)

Stops execution of the current program and gives control either to the command processor or a previously specified location in the current program.

✓ PLACE

Same as LOAD except that the program is not started.

✓ GOTO a

Transfers control to location a in the user's program.

DUMP n

Saves the current program on core load n.

CONTINUE n

Restarts the program which was previously DUMPed on core load n.

EXAMINE arg

Allows one to look at any register or core location.

arg = P, A, D, T, X, L, B or S for STATUS or n for core location n<sub>g</sub>.

SET n v

Set core location n<sub>g</sub> to v<sub>g</sub>.

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Utility call



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Following is a description of monitor routines callable from the user and the procedure for calling them:

A monitor call has the format:

arguments in the central registers

JPL I \*+2

SUBCODE

MON

return, or failure return if the call has a failure return  
return if the call has a failure return

SUBCODE is a number specifying the monitor call  
while MON is a constant specifying the normal  
entry point to the monitor.

### Monitor Calls:

INBT

T = file number

Reads a character from the specified file.

Failure return if end of file or error.

OUTBT

A = character

T = file number

Writes a character onto the specified file.

Failure return if error.





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**EXIT** Return control to the timesharing command processor.

**ECHO**  $A = \text{echo mode}$   
Set the echo mode to no echo if  $A = \phi$  or to echo if  $A \neq \phi$ .

**BREAK**  $T = \text{break mode}$   
 $A = \text{break character}$   
 $X = \text{break table}$

Determine break strategy.

If  $T = \phi$  then all characters are break characters else if  $T = 1$  then only control characters are break characters else if  $T = 2$  all characters are break characters except alphanumeric characters and space.

If  $T = 3$  then the character in  $A_{0-6}$  is defined to be a break character if  $A_{15} = 1$  or non-break character if  $A_{15} = \phi$ .

If  $T = 4$  then  $X$  points to an 8 word bit table defining the break strategy for all characters.

**OPEN**  $T = \text{file number}$

Reserve the peripheral device given in  $T$ .

Failure return if device is already reserved.



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CLOSE T = file number

Release the peripheral device given in T.

RDISK T = page number

X = core address

Reads page T into core at location given in X from the 64K area of the disk reserved for each user.

WDISK T = page number

X = core address

Writes page T from core.

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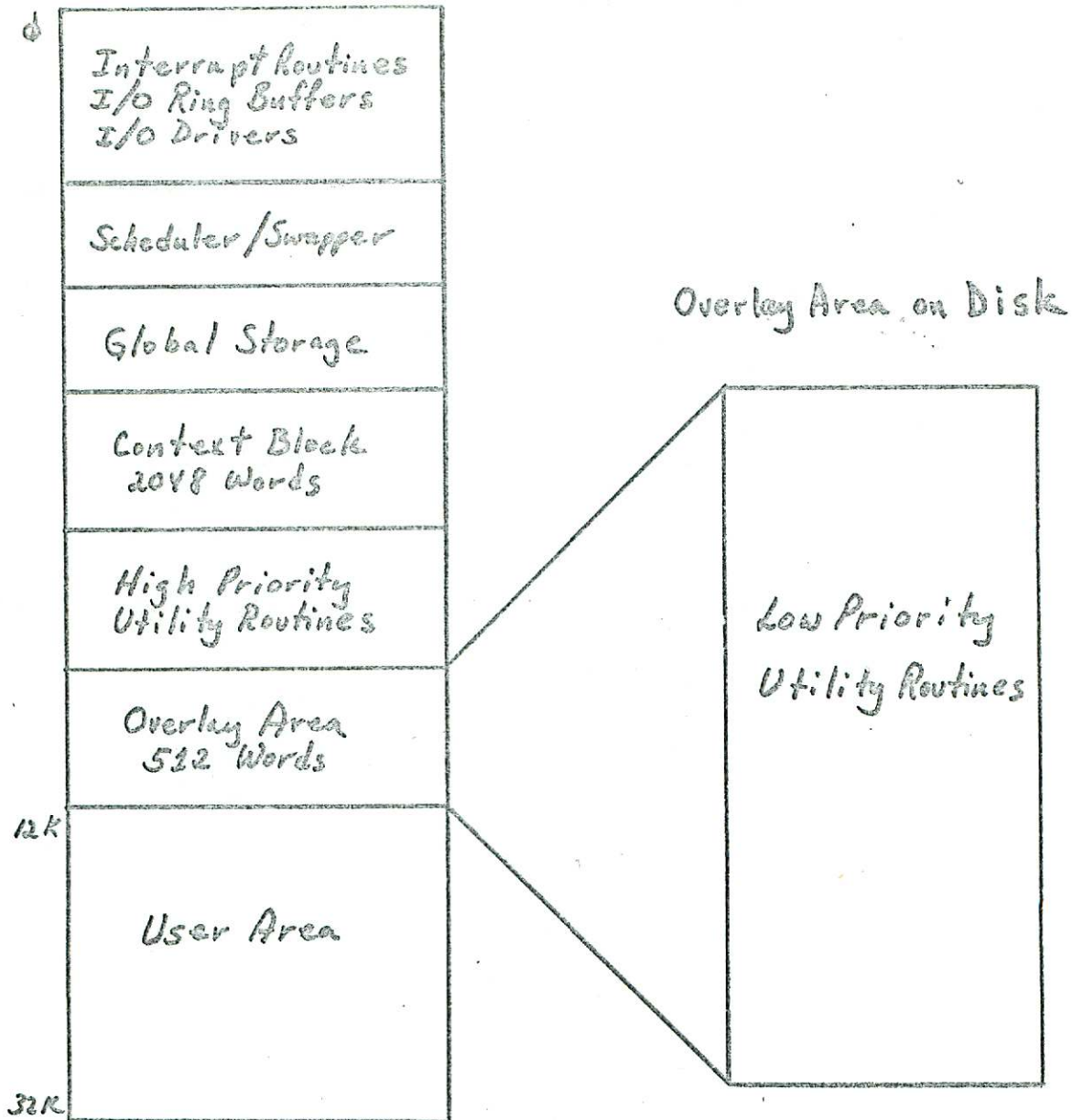
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## Interrupt Levels Used by TSS 1.0

- 15 Not used
- 14 - Memory protect Interrupt (May start level 3)
- 13 - Clock Interrupt (Starts level 9)
- 12 Not used
- 11 - Input Interrupt
- 10 Not used
- 9 Subsidiary Clock Interrupt (May start levels 6 and 5)
- 8 Not used
- 7 - Output Interrupt
- 6 Teletype Scanner
- 5 Scheduler and Swapper
- 4 Not used
- 3 Decoding and execution of monitor calls (May start levels 5 and 1)
- 2 Utility Command Processor (May start levels 5 and 1)
- 1 User Program
- 0 Traps WAIT instruction from level 1 (Starts level 2)

Note: Levels 1, 2 and 3 are considered to be a part of the user process and their level heads are therefore kept in the user's context block which is swapped along with the user's address space.

# Core Layout of TSS



# Syntax of Expressions

expression = conjunction \$ (".OR" conjunction);

conjunction = negation \$ (".AND" negation);

negation = ["NOT"] relation;

relation = sum [ (".EQ"/".GT"/".GE"/".LT"/".LE"/".NE" )  
sum ];

sum = term \$ ( ( "+" / "-" / "." / "E" ) term );

term = factor \$ ( ( "\*" / "/" / ".LSH" / ".RSH" / ".LCY" / ".RCY" / ".A" )  
factor );

factor = ["-" / ".N"] primary;

primary = symbol / constant / "(" expression ")";

symbol = macrocall / parameter;

constant = numeral \$ numeral [ ( "B" / "D" ) [ numeral ] ];

macrocall =

## Operators and Their Precedence

.OR	Boolean "or"
.AND	Boolean "and"
.NOT	Boolean "not"
.EQ, .GT, .GE, .LT, .LE, .NE	The relations with values $\phi$ or $-1$
+, -, .V, .E	Add, subtract, logical "or", logical "exclusive or"
*, /, .LSH, .RSH, .LCY, .RCY, .A	Multiply, divide, left shift, right shift, left cycle, right cycle, logical "and"
-, .N (unary)	Unary negation, logical "not"



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The syntax of a filename is as follows:

$$\text{filename} = [ (" \text{user} ") ] \text{fname} [ ( " \% " \text{type} [ " \% " \text{device} ] / " \% \% " \text{device} ) ]$$

$\text{user} = \text{number} / \langle \text{name of a user} \rangle$

$\text{fname} = 1\$8 (\text{letter} / \text{digit} / \text{"-"} )$

$\text{type} = 1\$4 (\text{letter} / \text{digit} )$

$\text{device} = 1\$4 (\text{letter} / \text{digit} )$

user is either a user number or a name which can be looked up in a table for its corresponding user number.

type would normally be one of the following, but could be anything: "SYM", "BIN", "PROG", "DATA", "DUMP".

device could be "DK1", "DK2", ... "DK4", "DR1", ... etc.

There will be special filenames associated with peripheral I/O equipment:

"PPT" paper tape reader

"PUNCH" paper tape punch

"CARD" card reader

"TTY n" teletype n

"PRINTER" line printer

etc.



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## File System Calls

### Open Write

ARG1: Pointer to filename (from teletype if -1)

If there are double quotes (") around the filename-type-device portion of the filename then the file is considered to be a new file.

Return  $fn$  ( $fn$  = file number)

Failure return if no access to file or if file does not exist

### Open Read

ARG1: Pointer to filename (from teletype if -1)

Return  $fn$

Failure return if no access to file or if file does not exist

### Open Random

ARG1: Pointer to filename (from teletype if -1)

Return  $fn$

Failure return if no access to file or if file does not exist

### Close File

ARG1:  $fn$

Failure return if no such  $fn$





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Write Byte

ARG1: fn

ARG2: byte

Failure return if no such fn

Holes in the file are not skipped

Write Word

ARG1: fn

ARG2: word

Failure return if no such fn

Holes in the file are not skipped

Equivalent to two Write Byte's

Read Byte

ARG1: fn

Return byte

Failure return if no such fn or if end of file

Holes are skipped in the file

Read Word

ARG1: fn

Return word

Failure return if no such fn or if end of file

Holes are skipped in the file



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### Set Pointer

ARG1: fn

ARG2: byte number (zero indexed)

Failure return if no such fn or if file is random

### Read Pointer

ARG1: fn

Return byte number (zero indexed)

Failure return if no such fn or if file is random

### Read Page

ARG1: fn

ARG2: file page number (zero indexed)

ARG3: core address

Failure return if no such file or if file is not random  
or if no such file page

### Write Page

ARG1: fn

ARG2: file page number

ARG3: core address

Failure return if no such file or if file is not random



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### Next Page

ARG1: fn

ARG2: file page number (may be -1)

Return the page number of the next file page after the given page. If no more pages, then -1 is returned.

Failure return if no such fn or if page number is out of range

### Read Line

ARG1: fn

ARG2: terminating character or -1 for CRLF

ARG3: Pointer to where the line should be returned

Failure return if no such fn

### Write Line

ARG1: fn

ARG2: Pointer to line

Failure return if no such fn

### Read Length

ARG1: fn

Return 32 bit byte length of the file

Failure return if no such fn



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## 1.) Create object

ARG1: pointer to name of object

~~ARG2: number of index blocks~~Failure return if  
object already exists  
no more room  
no access  
too many index blocks

## 2.) Delete object

ARG1: pointer to name of object

Failure return if  
object does not exist  
no access

## 3.) Open object

ARG1: pointer to name of object

ARG2: read-only flag

Failure return if  
object does not exist  
no access

## Returns the file number

## 4.) Close file

ARG1: file number

Failure return if  
no such object is open

## 5.) Create page

ARG1: file number

ARG2: page number

Failure return if  
no such object is open  
page already exists  
page number out of range



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## 6.) Delete page

ARG1: file number

ARG2: page number

Failure return if

no such object is open  
no such page

## 7.) Get next page

ARG1: file number

ARG2: page number

Return next page number or -1 if no more

Failure return if

page number out of range

## 8.) Read page

ARG1: file number

ARG2: page number in file

ARG3: core address

Failure return if

no such page  
no such object open

## 9.) Write page

ARG1: file number

ARG2: page number in file

ARG3: core address

Failure return if

no such page  
no such object open  
file is read only



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## 10.) Read entry

ARG1: pointer to name of object

ARG2: pointer to an array

ARG3: number of words to be read

ARG3 words are read from the object entry into the array pointed to by ARG2.

Failure return if no such object name

## 11.) Read Object

ARG1: index of object in object table

ARG2: as in Read entry

ARG3: as in Read entry

Failure return if object table index is out of range

## 12.) Change name

ARG1: Pointer to old name of object

ARG2: Pointer to new name

Failure return if no such object name,  
new name already exists

## 13.) Set length reader pointer, writer pointer

ARG1: file number

ARG2: number of words in last page

Failure return if no such object open

## 14.) Read length reader pointer, writer pointer

ARG1: file number

Returns the length of the file as a 48-bit integer

Failure return if no such object open



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15.) Set file access

ARG1: pointer to name of file

ARG2: access word

Failure return if

no such file  
no access

16.) Set UIB access

ARG1: user number

ARG2: access word

Failure return if

no access  
no such user

17.) Define friend



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Access word: 

Owner	Friend	Public
R	W	O
R	W	O
R	W	O

Each user index block has an access word which defines the default access to its files.

As each file is created, the default access is given to it. However, this access can be changed with the SET'FILE'ACCESS command.

The user index block access word may be changed with SET'UIB'ACCESS.

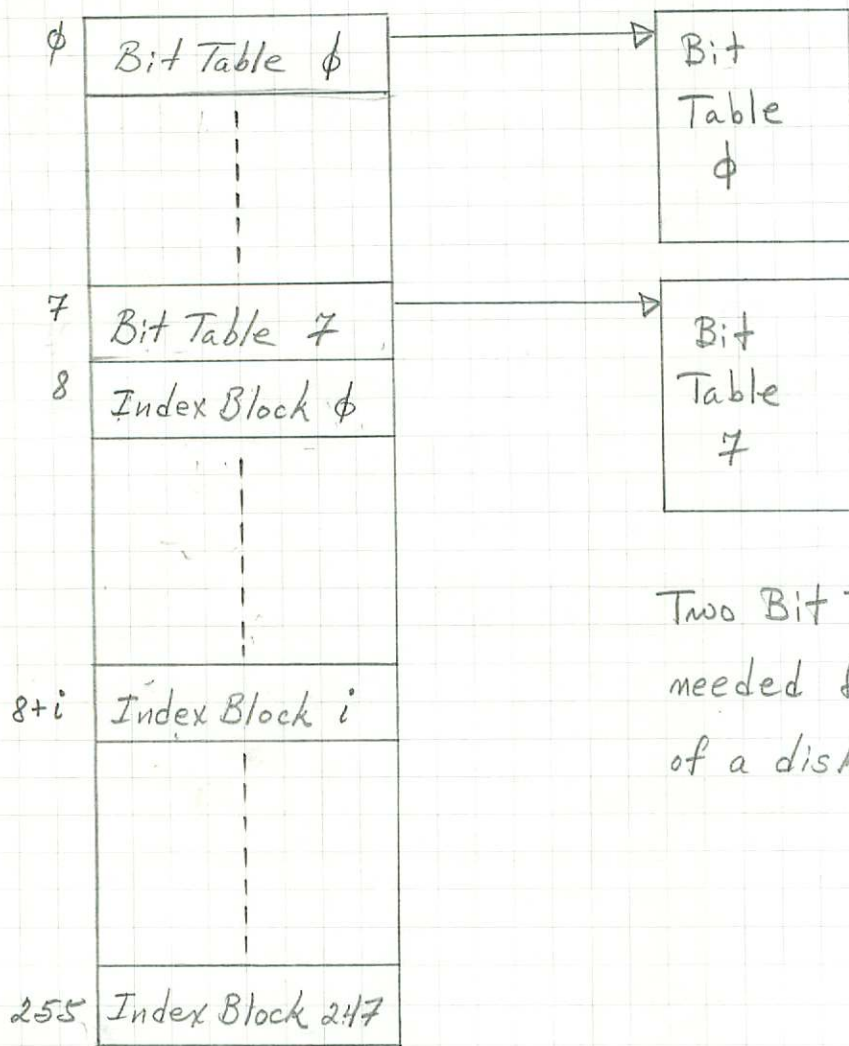
The default value for the access word is  
O(RWO), F(RW), P(R)





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Master Index Block

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Two Bit Tables are needed for each spindle of a disk unit.

Note: There need only be two bit tables in each index block because it has been decided that there will be a Master Index Block for each spindle.



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0	Locked if nonzero	
1	Free Bits	Owner Friend Public O.W.R. O.W.R. O.W.R.
2	NUMBER OF DISK PAGES AVAILABLE	
3	NEXT FREE WORD IN OBJECT ENTRY LIST	
4	Friend 1	Friend 2
5	Friend 3	Friend 4
6	Friend 5	Friend 6
7	0 # <del>Free word</del> <del>Blocks to next</del> <del>Block</del>	
10	Object Table	
27		
30		
Object		
Entries		
377		

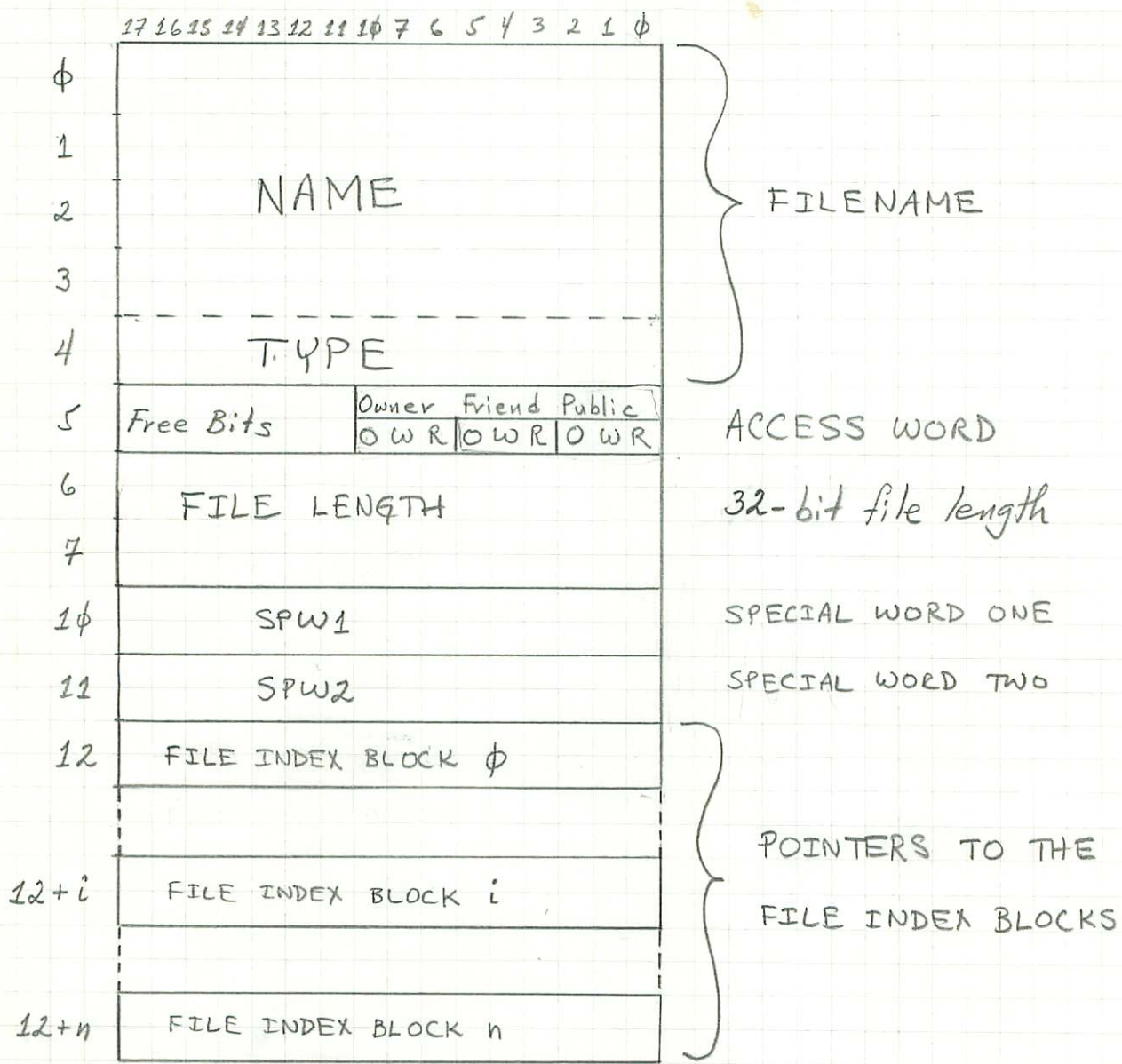
LOCK

ACCESS WORD

} Friend Table



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### Format of Object Table Entry

U	TYPE	SIZE	ADDRESS WITHIN USER INDEX BLOCK
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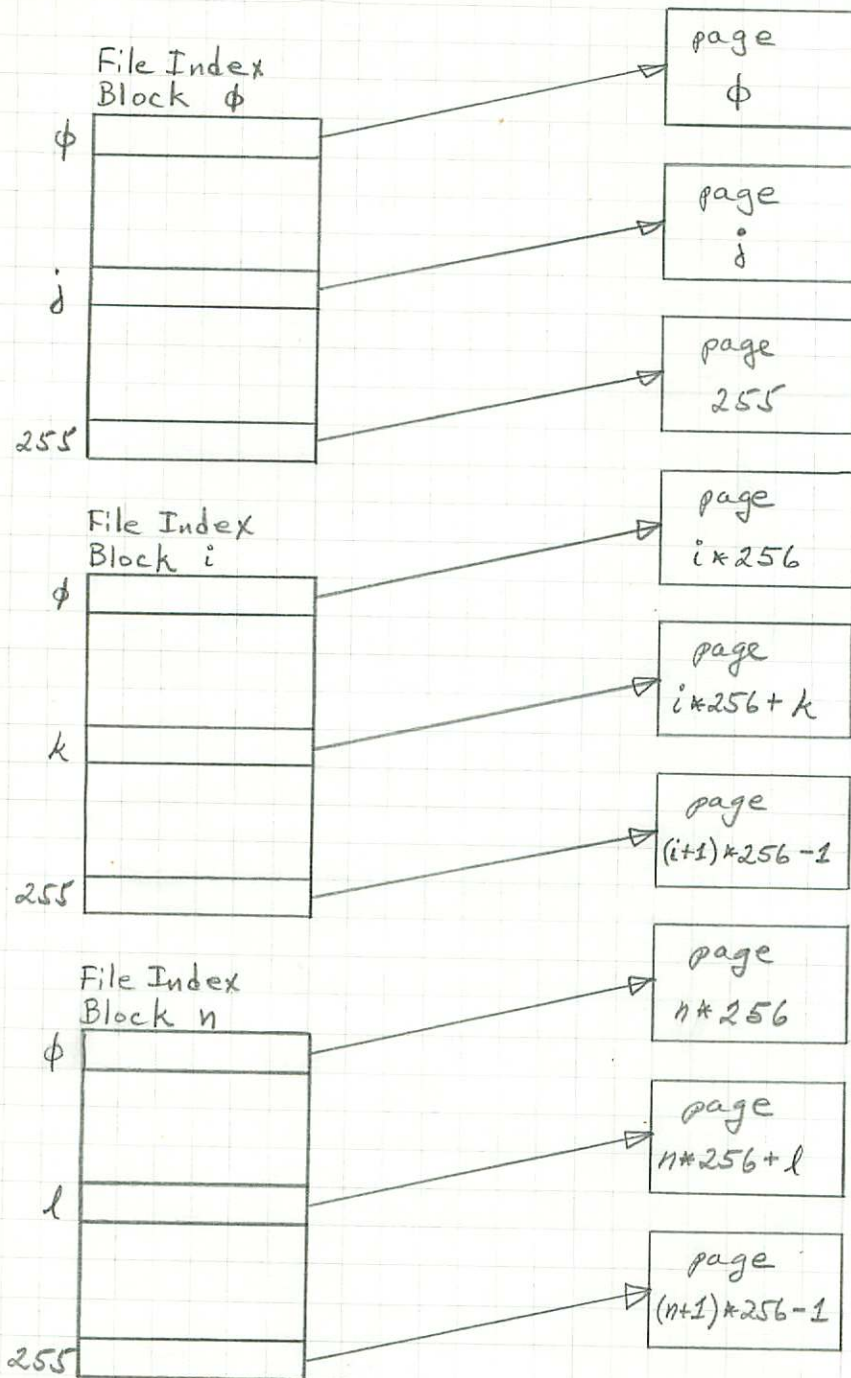
U:  $\phi$  if free else 1

TYPE:  $\phi$  = file  
 1 = process } not to be used  
 2 = data } initially  
 3-7 = unused now

SIZE: The size of the object entry.  
 In the above entry the size is 12+n. So we see that there is room for 6 file index blocks  
 i.e. 1536 pages = 384K words



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For each index block there are 256 pages = 64K words.



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\* MAIN

\* Main instruction loop of CPU

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MAIN:  M ← PREG, N ← 174000B, FETCH;  
       IR ← M ← M AND N, RSH 11;  
       GOTO M MREG IRTBL, N ← 3400B, PREG ← PREG + 1;
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\* Instruction Table (must start on a 32 word boundary)

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IRTL:  M ← IR, GOTO STZ;  
       M ← IR, GOTO STA;  
       M ← IR, GOTO STT;  
       M ← IR, GOTO STX;  
       M ← IR, GOTO STD;  
       0  
       0  
       0  
       0
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\* STZ Store zero

STZ: CALL DECOD;  
DATA ←  $\phi$ , STORE, GOTO MAIN;

\* STA Store AREG

STA: CALL DECOD;  
DATA ← AREG, STORE, GOTO MAIN;

\* STT Store TREG

STT: CALL DECOD;  
DATA ← TREG, STORE, GOTO MAIN;

\* STX Store XREG

STX: CALL DECOD;  
DATA ← XREG, STORE, GOTO MAIN;

\* STD Store Double Word

STD: CALL DECOD;  
DATA ← AREG, STORE;  
DATA ← DREG, M ← M+1; STORE, GOTO MAIN;

⋮

\* MIN Memory increment

MIN: CALL DECOD;  
FETCH;  
DATA ← M+1, M ← EL, STORE, GOTO MAIN;



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\* LDA Load AREG

LDA: CALL DECOD;  
FETCH;  
AREG ← M, GOTO MAIN;

\* LDD Load Double Word

LDD: CALL DECOD;  
FETCH;  
AREG ← M, M ← EL + 1, FETCH;  
DREG ← M, GOTO MAIN;

\* ADD Add memory to AREG

ADD: CALL DECOD;  
FETCH, Q ← AREG;  
AREG ← M + Q, GOTO MAIN;

\* SUB Sub memory from AREG

SUB: CALL DECOD;  
FETCH, Q ← AREG;  
AREG ← NOT M + Q + 1, GOTO MAIN;

\* ORA Merge memory and AREG

ORA: CALL DECOD;  
FETCH, N ← AREG;  
AREG ← M OR N, GOTO MAIN;



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\* JMP Unconditional Branch

JMP: CALL DECOD;  
PREG ← M, GOTO MAIN;

\* JPL Branch and save PREG

JPL: CALL DECOD; LREG ← PREG  
Q ← PREG;  
PREG ← M;  
LREG ← Q, GOTO MAIN;





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\* DECOD

\* Decode NORD-1 address

\*  $M = (IR)$ \*  $N = 3400B$ 

\* Return

\*  $EL = \text{effective location}$ \*  $M = (EL)$ DECOD:  $Q \leftarrow M$  AND  $N$  RSH 8,  $N \leftarrow 7$ ;GOTO  $Q$  AND  $N$  MRG DECBR,  $N \leftarrow 377$ ;

\* DECBR must be on an eight word boundary.

DECBR:  $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow PREG$ , GOTO DEC0; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow BREG$ , GOTO DEC0; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow PREG$ , GOTO DEC1; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow BREG$ , GOTO DEC1; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow XREG$ , GOTO DEC0; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow BREG$ , GOTO DEC2; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow PREG$ , GOTO DEC3; $M \leftarrow IR$ ,  $Q \leftarrow BREG$ , GOTO DEC3;



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\* Address relative to P, X or B

DECφ:  $M \leftarrow M \text{ AND } N \text{ LSH } 24;$

$M \leftarrow M \text{ RSH } 24;$

$EL \leftarrow M + Q, M \leftarrow IR, \text{ RETURN};$

\* Indirect addressing or pre-indexing

DEC1:  $M \leftarrow M \text{ AND } N \text{ LSH } 24;$

$M \leftarrow M \text{ RSH } 24;$

$M \leftarrow M + Q, \text{ FETCH};$

$EL \leftarrow M, M \leftarrow IR, \text{ RETURN};$

\* Address relative to B and X

DEC2:  $M \leftarrow M \text{ AND } N \text{ LSH } 24;$

$M \leftarrow M \text{ RSH } 24, N \leftarrow XREG;$

$M \leftarrow M + Q;$

$EL \leftarrow M + N, M \leftarrow IR, \text{ RETURN};$

\* Post-indexing and pre- and post indexing

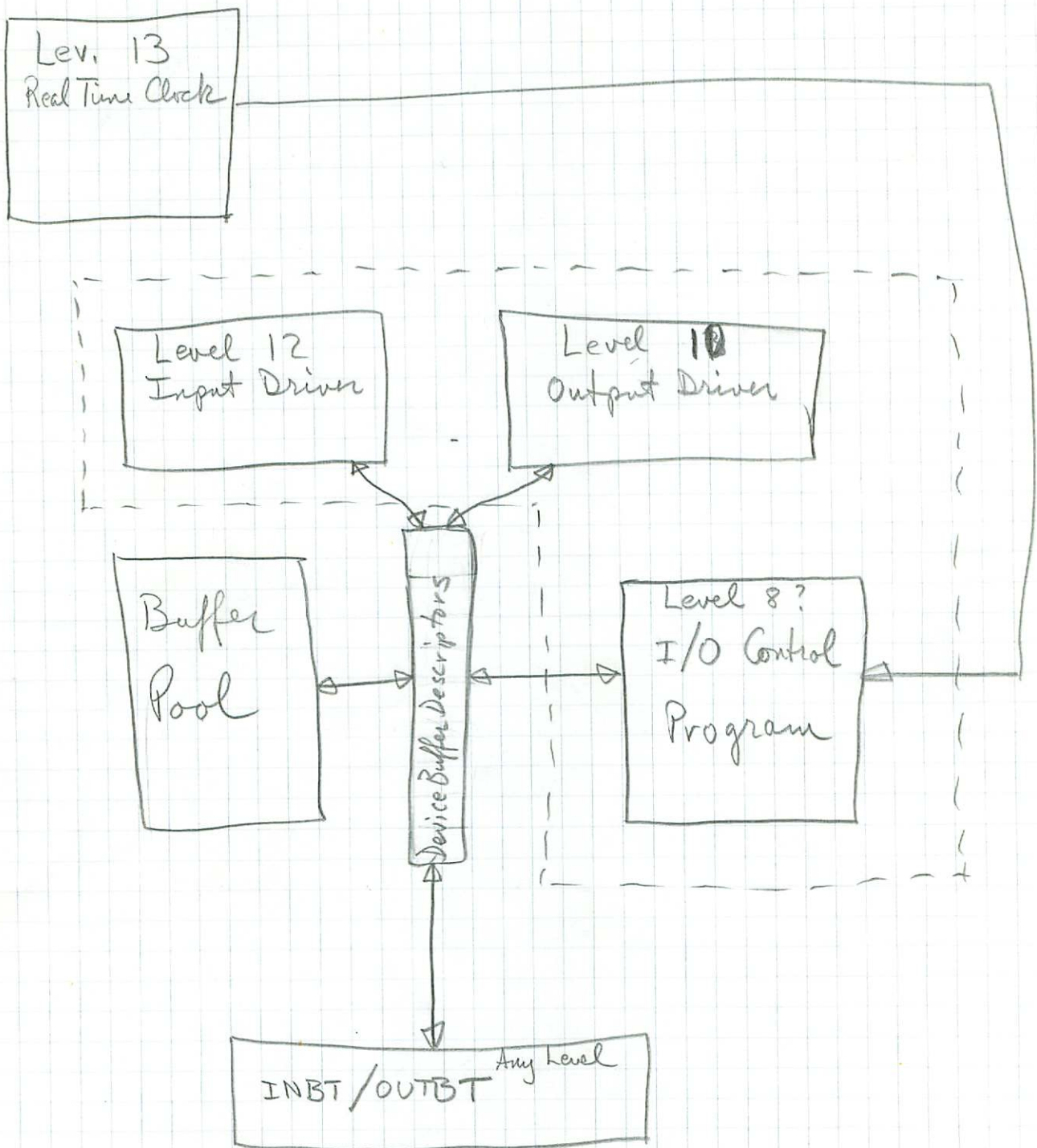
DEC3:  $M \leftarrow M \text{ AND } N \text{ LSH } 24;$

$M \leftarrow M \text{ RSH } 24;$

$M \leftarrow M + Q, N \leftarrow XREG, \text{ FETCH};$

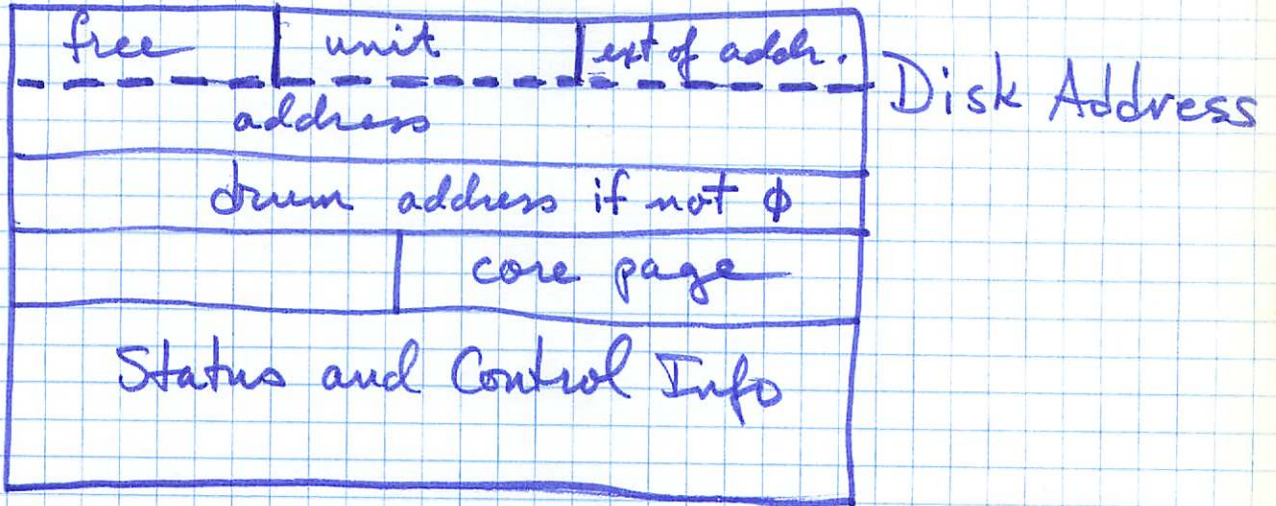
$EL \leftarrow M + N, M \leftarrow IR, \text{ RETURN};$

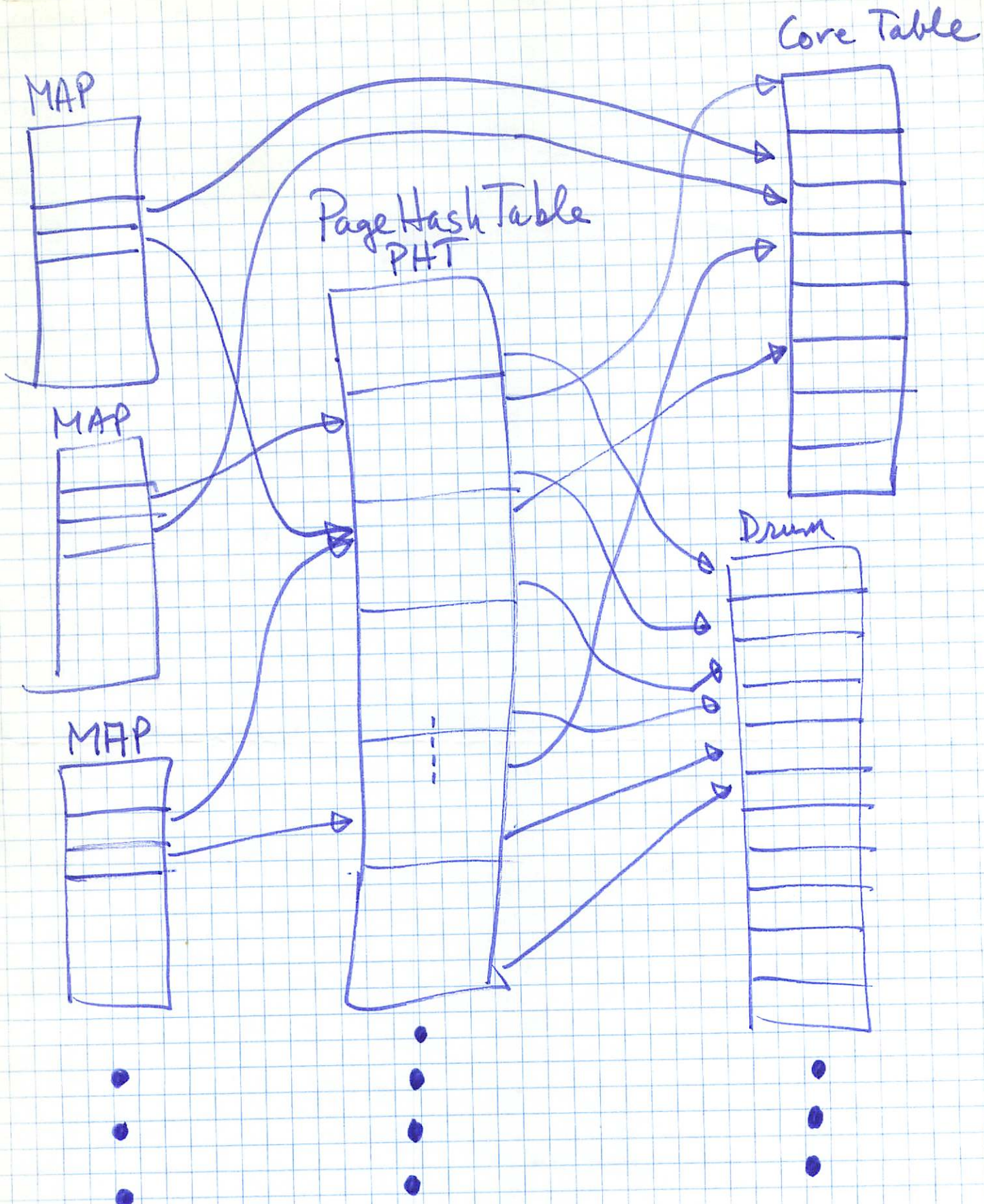
# NORD-10 I/O System



The modules within the dotted box may be located in a separate CPU. In that case the real time clock may be omitted if the I/O CPU is to do only I/O.

# PHT Entry





$S_{min} = 10 \text{ ms.}$       7      10      1K pages  
 $S_{max} = 70 \text{ ms.}$       70      55  
 $W = 400$        $\infty$   
 $T = 25.5 \text{ ms.}$       ~~7.7~~       $16.7/10 = 2$   
 $n = 10 - 50$       40

	$E[s]$	$E[a]$	$E[t_s]$	$W_F$	$U$	$Q$	
FCFS	30.5	43	51	$n \times 51$	15.7	19.6	
SCAN <sub>10</sub>	15.5	28	36	$n \times 24$	22.2	27.8	
SCAN <sub>20</sub>	12.9	25.5	33.5	$n \times 22.3$	23.9	29.9	
SCAN <sub>30</sub>	11.9	24.4	32.4	$n \times 21.6$	24.7	30.9	57%
SCAN <sub>40</sub>							
SCAN <sub>50</sub>							
SCAN <sub>60</sub>							
SCAN <sub>70</sub>	10.8	23.3	31.3	$n \times 20.9$	25.6	31.9	
					17.5	FCFS	
					34.4	SCAN(40)	
SCAN <sub>40</sub>	8.5	21.25	29.8	$n \times 19.9$	28.5	33.6	
SCAN <sub>40</sub>	11.1	19.5	21.5	$n \times 14.3$	9.3	46.5	

## SCAN

$$E[s] = S_{\min} + \frac{S_{\max} - S_{\min}}{n+1}$$

$$E[a] = E[s] + \frac{T}{2}$$

$$E[t_s] = E[a] + \frac{T}{3}$$

$$W_f = \frac{2}{3} n E[t_s]$$

$$U = \frac{t}{E[a] + t} = \frac{t}{E[t_s]}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{E[t_s]}$$

## FCFS

$$E[s] = \frac{W-1}{W} \left[ S_{\min} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{S_{\max} - S_{\min}}{4} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{W}{W-1} \right)^2 \right) \right]$$

$$E[a] = E[s] + \frac{T}{2}$$

$$E[t_s] = E[a] + \frac{T}{3}$$

$$W_f = n E[t_s]$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{E[t_s]}$$